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DOING WELL.

NORTHERNERS AND THE WAR.

TSINANFU AGAIN.

Attempt At Capture From Another Direction.

A NEW THREAT TO SHANTUNG CAPITAL.

Following the week-end news that the Northerners were not as badly off in Shantung as had been supposed, the latest reports indicate another attempt by the Nationalists to reach Tsinanfu, the provincial capital from a new direction.

Whereas the "Christian General's" Kuominchun cavalry has been marching from the south-west and Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists from the South, other Nationalists units have now appeared to the east of Tsinanfu and, according to one source, to be astride the Shantung railway which Japan wishes to keep open.

Nothing more has been heard about the original Kuominchun and Nationalist combined march of last week. On other fronts, namely, the Chihli-Honan and Chihli-Shansi, the Northerners are doing well.

CHIANG'S LOSSES.

War reports relating to operations on each front are summarised as follows:—

SHANTUNG.

40,000 Northerners Defeated.

Shanghai, To-day.

According to Japanese reports, Nationalist irregular troops at Mingshui severely defeated 4,000 Shantung (Northern) troops and drove them back to Chowtsu, and interrupted rail and telegraphic communications.

Fighting is going on in the vicinity of Lungshan to the west of Mingshui while Nationalists from Laiwu are advancing on Poshan, the coal-mine centre.—Reuter.

[Note: All the places mentioned are to the east of (i.e. nearer the coast than) Tsinanfu. From Tsinanfu, the Shantung railway runs east to Lungshan, Mingshui and then Chowtsu. Nationalists have advanced to this part of the railway from the south and the east of Shantung. The 4,000 Northern troops who were defeated have been driven away from Tsinanfu. Lungshan is only 20 miles east of Tsinanfu. Laiwu is south of Poshan, from which a branch line runs to the Shantung railway.]

Reinforcements for Nanking?

Kiukiang, Yesterday.
Small batches of troops are moving from here down the Yangtze River.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Yunnanese mercenaries have been going from Kiukiang to Chiang Kai-shek's aid. The latest to move may be reinforcements.]

Japanese Move Up.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
A message from Tsingtao states that communications have been interrupted owing to the Nationalists cutting the Shantung Railway at Mingshui, 40 miles east of Tsinanfu. Consequently, a company of Japanese infantry and a detachment of the telegraph corps have gone inland to Mingshui from Tsingtao.

The situation at Chafoo has improved with the arrival of a number of foreign warships.—Reuter.

Brigands Join In.

Peking, Saturday.
The report of the cutting of the Shantung Railway at Changtien is believed here to be premature, but foreign reports state that a Nationalist force is advancing from Laiwu toward Poshan whence a branch line runs to the main railway.

Forces under the brigand chief Liu Kuo-chi are also reported to be threatening the railway in concert with the Nationalists.—Nationalists.—Reuter.

Lack of Support.

Shanghai, Saturday.
The Nationalist advance has been stopped, at least temporarily, at Tai-an and the cavalry detachments which had reached the outskirts of Tsinanfu are being withdrawn owing to the lack of support.

This is attributed primarily to

the splitting-up of Chiang Kai-shek's units.

On the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, Chiang Kai-shek's forces have suffered heavy losses and are unable to penetrate the reinforced Northern defence line north of Tsinanfu, while the three Nationalist armies from Haichow (on the east coast) are not only immobilised by Japanese intervention and occupation of the Shantung Railway but are unable to be reinforced from the Tientsin-Pukow front for the time being.—Reuter.

Nanking's Claims.

Nanking, Saturday.
The "Kuo Min" reports from Pukow that over 20 locomotives and 200 cars belonging to the Northern forces were captured by the Nationalists between Lincheng and Yenchow, on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway.—Reuter.

IN CHIHLI.

Northerners Successful.

Peking, Saturday.
Foreign reports confirm that the Northerners have been successful on fronts other than in Shantung and there appears no doubt that Chu Yu-pu has captured Nanlo, where he claims he took 3,500 Kuominchun prisoners. Chu Yu-pu claims also to have captured Tsingfeng after a bombardment.

The Northern troops are heavily bombarding and bombing Changteh daily and it is believed that some raiding parties have advanced further southwards towards the Yellow River.—Reuter.

Foreigner's Report.

Peking, Yesterday.
A foreigner, just returned here from Tamingfu, states that the Northerners are holding Nanlo and Tsingfeng.—Reuter.

SHANSI FRONT.

Wins for North Confirmed.

Peking, Saturday.
Foreign mails from Taiyuanfu confirm the Northern claims that Pingting was captured a fortnight ago and state that Taiyuanfu (capital of Shansi) was in a panic, fearing the Northern capture of Niang-tze-kwan Pass and an advance on Taiyuanfu.

The Northern forces are now bringing up more heavy artillery to shell the passes (through the Great Wall out into Shansi).—Reuter.

THE LEADERS.

Feng Yu-hsiang's Quarrel.

Hankow, Saturday.
Generals Feng Yu-hsiang (the "Christian General") and Fang Won-ku (Fang Chen-wu?), who were one time in alliance, are reported to be at war with one another.

General Li Tsung-jen of the Nationalist Army is now in Hankow and when his opinion was sought as to the ultimate outcome of this hostility, he said that he did not attach any great importance to it.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: The old allies referred

LEE HYSAN KILLED

TEXTILE TRADE.

Serious Situation Developing.

80,000 AFFECTED.

Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire And Scottish Workers.

London, Yesterday.
What is believed to be a serious situation has developed, affecting about 80,000 workers in the dyeing and finishing industry of Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire and Scotland.

It has arisen out of a proposal of the operatives that compulsory collective piecework be established throughout the industry.

The employers' organisation, the Allied Association of dyers, bleachers, finishers and printers, have intimated that they could not compel the various sections or individual members who did not wish to do so to establish collective piecework.

The Trade Unions were thereupon approached.

The employers in each of the Sectional Reference Boards are not prepared to negotiate without discussing juvenile wages and the system of paying adolescents. They are not prepared to enforce piecework rates, where firms are unwilling to make the change.

Decisive action is expected on Thursday.—Reuter.

BAILIFFS CHARGED.

ONE CONVICTED FOR BRIBERY.

ANOTHER IN CUSTODY.

Lam Ming and Lam Kat (24) both described on the charge sheet as Supreme Court bailiffs, were this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy with obtaining a bribe from Chan Ping-sau, who lives on the second floor of No. 28, Yee Wah-street, Wanchai.

The case for the prosecution was that the principal tenant of No. 28, Yee Wah-street, was a debtor, and the Head Bailiff had placed the two accused in the house as guards.

Yesterday, some of the sub-tenants of the house whose property were not affected by the order against the principal tenant, moved out of the house as they had a perfect right to do.

The defendants were alleged to have looked upon this as a fine opportunity for getting some "squeeze" out of the sub-tenants and demanded money from them before allowing their property to be removed from the house.

Report to Police.

Chan Ping-sau, the complainant in the case, reported the matter at No. 2 Police Station. Detective Sergeant Whelan handed him some marked money to give to the accused. Some time after Chan had returned to the house, the Sergeant visited the place and arrested the two accused.

Lam Ming who was proved to have been the man who accepted the money from Chan was convicted and sentenced to four months' hard labour. The case against Lam Kat was adjourned until tomorrow morning for further evidence to be given as to the part he took in the demanding and accepting the bribe.

FOKI ABSCONDES.

Fu Chun-kai, master of the Man On Company, No. 35, Des Voeux-road West, has made a report to the police alleging that at 11.30 a.m. on April 28 a foki of the shop named Chan Wai-soong (19) obtained from the Wing On Company the sum of \$1,200 by means of a stolen receipt which he had presented in the complainant's name. He had disappeared since collecting the money.

to have been fighting the Northerners on both the Chihli and Shantung fronts.]

Shanghai, Saturday.
Feng Yu-hsiang and Chiang Kai-shek are holding a conference at Hauchowfu, the junction of the

THREE SHOTS.

Deliberate Murder Suspected.

ASSAILANT ESCAPES.

Well Known Chinese Followed To His Club.

Mr. Lee Hysan, the well-known property owner and merchant, was murdered in cold blood during the lunch hour to-day, the assassin following him into the Yue Kee Club, No. 196, Wellington-street, to fire three shots at point-blank range.

Mr. Lee has lunched regularly at the club for several years. Although the premises are in Wellington-street (immediately behind the old Fire Station), entrance is by way of a flight of underground steps or through a maze of back alleys off Kau U-fong, on the other side of which is the Chinese theatre.

The assassin walked in Mr. Lee's wake at the door and he coolly followed Mr. Lee in along a passage-way. After going about eight paces, he drew his pistol and fired three shots at point-blank range. The first two shots were practically fatal. The third grazed Mr. Lee's chest as he turned round.

Revolver Dropped.
The assembly of well-known Chinese business-men who take tiffin in the club were not molested. But before they or the servants could do anything, the murderer had got outside. Then he dropped his revolver at the top of the steps and vanished.

There was an immediate response

FOR TSINAN.

Two Thousand Japanese Troops.

Tsingtao, To-day.
General Fukuda, with about 2,000 Japanese troops of all arms, left for Tsinan yesterday morning for the purpose of protecting Japanese residents and to take any action necessary.—Reuter.

to the alarm. Police in motor-cycles, uniformed men and officers from the Criminal Investigation Department arrived and took charge. Mr. C. G. Perdue, Chief Det.-Inspector T. Murphy, Det.-Inspector Lane and others were soon on the spot.

Mr. Lee Hysan was the owner of Lee Theatre and Lee Garden, the latter property at East Point being worth several millions of dollars. Several streets between East Point and Wanchai were opened by Mr. Lee.

Warned By Friends.

Some years ago, he came into prominence as the successful litigant in the "Million Dollars Opium Case." Subsequently, he was interested in the Macao Opium farm. Only last month he was the defendant in the Macao Opium monopoly libel action, judgment being given for him.

Mr. Lee had hinted lightly in the course of conversation that danger lurked in the air and his friends had persistently warned him not to visit the club—on account of its dark approaches—at night. It is not known, however, that Mr. Lee had received any threatening communication.

Much sympathy will be felt for the bereaved family. Mr. Lee is survived by a wife, children and nephews, some of whom are in business in Hong Kong.

FRENCH M.P.'S.

FINAL ELECTION

BALLOT.

M. PAINEVE WINS.

Paris, Yesterday.
In the final election ballot M. Paineve has been elected and also a number of Communists, including M.M. Cachin and Doriot, both of whom are in prison.

Another Communist defeated the Socialist leader, M. Leon Blum.

TOOK HIM INSTEAD!

Tables Turned On Constable.

FIVE CHINESE.

Accused Men Take Policeman To Police Station.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, five Chinese, one described as the master of a vegetable garden, and the others as his foks, were charged with assaulting Wei-hai-wei Chinese constable No. D185 yesterday. A sixth man was charged with the unlawful possession of a pine tree which he was alleged to have cut down.

Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the owner of the vegetable garden, whilst Mr. C. A. S. Russ defended the other five defendants.

Mr. Lindsell said that he would not be able to hear the case this week, and it was agreed to fix hearing for Monday next at noon. Mr. Lo suggested that it would assist both Mr. Russ and himself if the Sergeant in charge of the case would make a statement of the facts before the case was adjourned.

Case Outlined.

With his Worship's consent, Sergeant Hopkin stated that yesterday afternoon, two Wei-hai-wei constables (Nos. D185 and D186) proceeded by boat from Aberdeen to Pochung, which is on the Stanley side of the island and opposite to Apichau.

As they landed at Pochung, they saw the sixth defendant carrying a pine tree sapling which had been cut down complete, boughs and all. They arrested him.

When the constables were about to take the man with them to Aberdeen, the other five defendants arrived and adopted a threatening attitude towards the constables. D186 managed to get away from the defendants, but the other constable (D185) was seized. He was assaulted by the defendants and then tied up with ropes and taken over to Aberdeen by the defendant. They were met at the landing by other policemen, and the defendants then turned D185 over to them.

Caused Trouble.
The Magistrate inquired why the defendants should themselves bring the constable over to Aberdeen.

Sergeant Hopkin said that the defendants were going to take the constable to the station themselves if they had not been met by the other police. They alleged that D185 had caused trouble at their vegetable garden, and they had come over to see him (the Sergeant) to make a complaint against the constable.

The defendants were then remanded until next Monday. Mr. Lindsell extended their bail as follows: First defendant \$100, Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5, \$50 each, and No. 6 \$25.

"THE QUEEN'S."

REGIMENT'S ASSOCIATION WITH PORTUGAL.

THE PASCHAL LAMB.

It is interesting to learn that the Queen's Royal Regiment, which is now stationed in Hong Kong, has historic associations with Portugal.

When Katherine of Braganza married Charles II, she brought as a dowry Tangiers.

In 1661, in order to protect this place, the 2nd Regiment of Foot, known as the Queen's Royal Regiment, was raised and sent as a garrison, only to be recalled when James II rebelled them during the Monmouth rebellion.

The Paschal Lamb, the crest of the Regiment, was given to them by Queen Catherine. The lamb was not part of her crest, but on most paintings of her the lamb is shown in the corner.

In view of the above the suggestion has been made that the Regimental Band should visit Macao and present one or more of their well known and well appreciated concerts.

I would scrap every bit of militarism that existed in the country. By so doing I do not believe anything of value would be sacrificed.—Mr. George Lansbury, M.P.

SUIT FOR RENT.

A Flat In Duddell-street.

MR. RUTTONJEE WINS.

Acting Puisne Judge's View On Tenancies.

In his first case on being appointed acting Puisne Judge for the second time (shortly after his return from leave), Mr. P. Ruttonjee said in the Summary Court this morning that monthly tenancies were every day occurrences in the Colony, with a month's notice to terminate.

Messrs. H. Ruttonjee and Son sued Mr. D. M. Browning of the Asiatic Petroleum Co. for \$120 being a month's rent in lieu of notice of a flat in Duddell-street.

Mr. A. el Arculli was for plaintiff and Mr. L. R. Andrews for defendant.

Plaintiff maintained that the flat was let on a monthly tenancy. Defendant said that he agreed to take it for only one month. January this year.

Defendant's Explanation.
Mr. Andrews argued that defendant's version had been corroborated by Mr. H. S. Forrester who was with Mr. Browning.

His Lordship said that he was inclined to believe plaintiff's story but it was likely that defendant and his friend understood that they were on an agreement for a month only and hence there had been a misunderstanding.

His Lordship also referred to a letter written by defendant in which "he regretted he could not give longer notice." Mr. Browning explained that when he wrote this he was unaware of his position.

Judgment was given for the plaintiff, with costs.

SOLDIER FINED.

ASSAULTING A CHAUFFEUR IN EARLY MORNING.

JOY RIDE SEQUEL.

Private Stewart Lamb, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, who was on Saturday remanded by Major C. Willson on a charge of assaulting the Chinese driver of public motor-car No. 232, and refusing to pay for the hire of the car on Friday night, was again before his Worship at the Central Magistracy this morning, when evidence was heard.

The car driver said that at 11.15 p.m., on Friday his car was parked in Chater-road when the defendant engaged it to drive to Wanchai. After spending some time in Spring Garden-lane, Lamb again entered the car and ordered the witness to drive to Hollywood-road. The witness stopped the car a little past the Police Headquarters because the remainder of Hollywood-road is closed for motor traffic.

Lamb refused to get out of the car and ordered the witness to drive to the Hong Kong Hotel, which he did, arriving there at 12.40 a.m. The witness asked Lamb to pay only \$5, but the latter left the car and refused to pay. Lamb was joined by another man, and when the witness followed them for the money, Lamb seized hold of him. Then, whilst Lamb's companion held the witness down, Lamb struck him. Someone blew a police whistle. An Indian and a Chinese constable came on the scene, and on witness' complaint Lamb was arrested.

Lamb's version of the story was that he engaged the car to go to Wanchai. When he returned to the car he directed the driver to stop first at the Naval Canteen and then to drive to the barracks where he intended to alight. Instead of stopping at the barracks, the driver drove on to Hollywood-road. The driver refused to stop the car when asked by the witness, so that he was taken to Hollywood-road against his will. From Hollywood-road, the car proceeded to the Hong Kong Hotel where the witness alighted. He handed \$2 to the driver, and was about to walk away when the latter grabbed hold of him and pulled him about so violently that his (defendant's) tunic was torn.

Lamb added that he then got angry and "hit him in the eye." Remarking that Lamb had no right to do that, Major Willson imposed a fine of \$10 for the assault, and in addition ordered Lamb to pay the driver \$5 compensation as well as \$5 for hire of the car.

MOTOR CAR'S SPEED.

Medical Evidence At Sessions.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

C.P.O. Kelsey Of "Ambrose" On Trial.

Important medical evidence was given by Dr. J. R. Craig of the Government Civil Hospital to-day in the Criminal Sessions trial of Chief Petty Officer (C.P.O.) Kelsey, H.M.S. "Ambrose," for manslaughter.

Dr. Craig was questioned by Mr. H. G. Sheldon (instructed by Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones), for the defence, as to whether the injuries of deceased were consistent with being hit by "a big Studebaker seven-seater car," going at various speeds.

The case came up before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) and the following jury:—Messrs. H. Goldenberg (foreman), A. A. Alves, J. McKelvie, J. E. Noronha, L. A. da Costa, D. S. Neilson, E. Antonio.

Point of Law.
Mr. H. S. Fitzroy (acting Assistant Attorney-General) prosecuted. Sub-Inspector C. F. Alexander, in charge of the Traffic Office, had charge of the Police case.

Kelsey surrendered to his bail when his name was called.

Prior to his opening, Mr. Fitzroy drew attention to a point in law whereby "if deceased met his death through being hit by the car or through jumping away because he was in jeopardy," the person who was responsible was equally guilty of manslaughter.

Facts First.
His Lordship replied: "I don't quite absolutely agree with your statement" and asked Mr. Fitzroy to deal with the facts first.

The name of deceased is Tam Tak-yu, who was picked up outside the Po Tak wharf on the Praya, near the Western Market, early on the morning of March 25.

This part of the road, Mr. Fitzroy asked the jury to bear in mind, was 65 feet wide.

Usefulness—and Danger.
In the course of his statement Mr. Fitzroy said: "A car is a very useful thing when properly handled but a very dangerous thing when mishandled."

Dr. Craig, in his evidence-in-chief, said that it was possible deceased's injuries had been caused by being knocked down by a motor-car, or jumping from a car and falling in doing so.

In cross-examination, Dr. Craig said that the external injuries were slight, and not of the kind that would be caused by being "hit straight by a car," going at high speed.

Supposed Speeds.
When Mr. Sheldon suggested that the injuries were not consistent with deceased having been hit by the mudguard and then, in falling, hit in the face or head by the bumper, Dr. Craig replied: "What depends on the speed."

Mr. Sheldon repeated his question, adding that the car was a big Studebaker seven-seater, and a supposed speed of 40 miles an hour. Dr. Craig replied: "I shouldn't think so."

Mr. Sheldon put the same question again, with the supposed speed at 30 miles, adding that he had no desire to trap witness but was merely asking an honest question. Dr. Craig replied: "I should expect the injuries to be more severe."

Unconsciousness.
Answering the same question with the supposed speed at 20 miles, Dr. Craig said: "I don't think the injuries consistent."

Another statement by Dr. Craig was that the injuries were such that unconsciousness might not have occurred immediately but would have followed shortly afterwards.

Acting Sub-Inspector J. Cargill testified to a number of photographs of the locality.

Mr. C. H. Douglas of the Public Works Department produced plans of that part of the Praya and the adjoining area.

The case is proceeding.

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NOTICES.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 5th May, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m.
The first bell will be rung at 2 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1 for all persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.
Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5 each up to Friday, 4th May, 1928.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.
Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.
Bookmakers, Tic Tac Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Hong Kong, 30th April, 1928.

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28th April, 1928.

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Entries CLOSE at Macao 2.30 p.m., THURSDAY, 3rd May.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

IT IS NOTIFIED for General Information that as from 30th April, 1928, and until the Structural Alterations to the present offices are completed the COLONIAL SECRETARIAT will occupy the 3rd floor of the Banque de l'Indo-Chine, French Building, Queen's Road.

E. R. HALLIFAX,
Colonial Secretary.

27th April, 1928.

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PLAINTIFF WINS.

JUDGMENT AGAINST BANK OF CANTON.

SPECIAL JURY CASE.

After occupying the attention of His Lordship the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) and a special jury for four days, the hearing was concluded at the Supreme Court on Saturday afternoon of the original jurisdiction case in which Mr. Fok Kam-chuen, formerly owner of the Fook Lee hardware firm of Hillier-street, sought to set aside two assignments relating to property valued at \$280,000.

The defendants in the case are Messrs. Thos. W. Simmons & Co., Ltd. (in liquidation), of York-builing, Chater-road, and the Bank of Canton, Ltd., Hong Kong. Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. H. G. Sheldon (instructed by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., and Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Mr. M. M. Weston) were for the defence.

The special jury empanelled comprised Messrs. F. Tester, (foreman), Wong Kam-fuk, Wong Kwong-tin, J. H. Taggart, R. Rodger, P. W. Parker and J. Oram Sheppard.

Seven Points.

The closing stages of the long drawn out case was reached on Saturday afternoon when His Lordship addressed the jury at length on the various aspects of the case as presented by Counsel for both the plaintiff and the defendants.

His Lordship directed the jury's consideration to the following seven points before they retired:—

(1) Is the signature of the plaintiff to the assignment a forgery?
(2) If the signature to the assignment was placed on the deed by some person other than the plaintiff, did the plaintiff have knowledge of that fact, (a) at the time of its being placed thereon, or (b) at some subsequent time, and if so, when?
(3) Was the plaintiff a partner in Fook Lee & Co.?

(4) Did the plaintiff authorise one or other of his two sons, Fok Chung-yuen and Fok Tat-fui, to use the deed in connection with the taking over of the said Fook Lee & Co., from the first defendants, and if yes, what was the authority, and was (a) the assignment, and (b) the mortgage made in pursuance of such authority?
(5) Did plaintiff have knowledge of the making of the deed in his name, (a) at or about the moment of execution, or (b) subsequent thereto, but before August 1923, and if so, when?

(6) If plaintiff did know, did he take any, and if so what steps prior to August 1923 to acquit the Bank of Canton of the wrongful use of the said deed?
(7) If he took no such steps, did not his failure to do so result in prejudice to the Bank of Canton?

Jury's Replies.

The jury returned after an absence of half-an-hour, and before giving answers to His Lordship's questions, the foreman, Mr. Tester, expressed the jury's thanks to His Lordship for sitting that afternoon to enable them to finish the case.

Answers to His Lordship's questions were given by the jury as follows:—

(1) Yes.
(2) (a) No. (b) until the disclosure of the document was made.
(3) No.
(4) No. (See above).
(5) (a) No. (b) No.
(6) No. (See No. 5).
(7) No.

Upon the jury's verdict, Mr. Eldon Potter applied for judgment for the plaintiff, and asked for the release of certain moneys at present in the hands of the Official Receiver. This last part of the application was taken into Chambers on His Lordship's suggestion.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster having no application to make, His Lordship gave judgment in terms of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of the statement of claim for plaintiff with costs, which were also applied for by Mr. Potter.

"No Negligence."

The proceedings commenced with an address by Mr. Potter to His Lordship who quoted authorities. Mr. Potter argued

that there was no evidence in support of several of the pleas of the defence. There was no negligence, said Mr. Potter, because a person can leave his title deeds where he likes.

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ROYAL TRAGEDY.

LAST OF THE ROMANOFF CZARS.

WRONG COUNCILLORS.

[By the Rev. C. A. Allington, D.D.]
There are few great words more often misapplied than tragedy and tragic, and I am afraid that newspapers must bear a large share of the responsibility.

To the general public any sad and unexpected occurrence seems to deserve the epithet; to be suddenly killed is to meet a "tragic" death, and the most sordid murder or the purest accident are alike described as "tragedies."

It need hardly be said that this is misuse of language. To the medieval mind, as Professor Bradley reminds us in his great book of Shakespearean criticism, it implied "a total reverse of fortune, coming unawares upon a man who stood in high degree happy and apparently secured," for Shakespearean tragedy more is needed, but this definition at any rate applies to a series of events which came to their culmination just eleven years ago.

Eleven years ago the Tsar abdicated; it is needless to point out how completely he fulfils the conditions of the definition just given; he had been one of the richest men in the world and perhaps the most powerful; he had had the lives and happiness of millions of men absolutely in his control; he lived in some of the most magnificent palaces which man has ever built: it was the Tsar Nicholas some fifteen years ago.

He was "happy" in the love of a wife and six children whom he adored; he was "apparently secure" for the world at large believed that loyalty to the Tsar and loyalty to their religion were the two most unshakable qualities of the Russian people; on this man there came a "reverse of fortune" so total that in a few years he had lost everything that he possessed and he and his wife and children had been murdered with every circumstance of shame and horror by some hired assassins.

Here surely is a perfect example of tragedy as the mediaeval mind conceived it.

But Shakespeare, as has been said, was not content with so external a view: to him "no amount of calamity which merely befell a man" could alone provide the substance of the story. "For him the centre of the tragedy may be said to lie in action issuing from character, or in character issuing in action."

Honest and High-Minded.
Here too we may say that the Tsar's story satisfies the conditions: it is not necessary to maintain that he was always wise or just or prudent: the heroes of Shakespeare's tragedies were often foolish, cruel and blind; but he had a definite character to which his misfortunes were mainly due, and it was in large measure his virtues which led to his downfall.

Whatever may be thought of his statesmanship, it can hardly be doubted that he was an honest and high-minded man, with a very sincere religion.

When the war began the Tsar took in the most solemn manner possible an oath never to make peace so long as an enemy remained on Russian soil; from that oath he never swerved—and you must remember that he had worked harder for the peace of Europe than any other single person. At first all seemed to go well: he was welcomed enthusiastically wherever he went, and the whole country seemed to answer to his call.

But soon feelings changed: the Russian armies met with terrible disasters, and the Russian character is very unstable. People began to remind themselves that the Tsar was an unlucky man. At his coronation there had been an accident and 2,000 peasants had lost their lives; a few weeks later at a Naval Review a boat crowded with spectators sank before his eyes; he had longed for a son; four daughters were born to him, and when his son was born he was an invalid: his wife was neurotic; then there were the terrible disasters of the Japanese War in which his armies were beaten and his fleets sunk; riots and massacres broke out: his Prime Minister was murdered. He was clearly doomed to disaster. There is no doubt that thoughts like these preyed on his mind.

After a year of war he decided himself to take the chief command of the Russian armies. His reasons are not clear. Perhaps it was that his wife, under the influence of others, was jealous of the Grand Duke Nicholas; it seems clear that she urged him to the step: "When the throne and the country are in danger the place of a Tsar is at the head of his Army. To leave that place to another is to flout the will of God!"

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POSITION OF LIVERPOOL ORGANISATION.

WELSFORD BEQUEST.

Several members of the Liverpool Shipbrokers' Benevolent Society, at the thirty-third annual meeting, in the Albany, became somewhat reminiscent. As a consequence some personal experiences of the late Sir Edward Bates and the late Mr. J. H. Welsford were introduced by Mr. A. Reid and Sir Percy Bates, the newly-elected president, much to the general amusement.

The meeting was presided over at the outset by Sir Frederick C. Bowring, who commented upon the excellence of the choice of a successor, and expressed the hope that his term of office might be as pleasant as that through which he himself had just passed.

The annual report, read by Mr. Modderel, called attention to the fact that of the 77 beneficiaries on the books at the beginning of the year, no fewer than eight had passed away. As eleven others were assumed there were now 80 on the books, in addition to which temporary monetary assistance, &c., had been granted in other cases. The sum of £12,985, which had been paid to beneficiaries, compared with £11,761 in 1926 and £9,487 during 1925. The society had, in certain instances properly assumed the obligations of firms supporting ex-employees unable to continue their employment in consequence of breakdown in health.

Particulars were given of a youth aged 17½, who, under the J. H. Welsford educational scheme, had his fees at a public school partly paid by the society, and proceeding to Oxford on his own account, in a short time succeeded in winning an Open Exhibition of £30 a year at Queen's College for three years.

Reference was made to the death of Mr. H. E. Abbot, which occurred on April 26, after having acted as hon. auditor for 24 years, and the society had also lost by death the valued services of Mr. H. D. Bateson, who was described as their legal guide, philosopher, and friend. In conclusion, the report tendered thanks to various gentlemen, including Sir F. C. Bowring, for his three years' valuable and disinterested services.

Mr. Modderel also presented the treasurer's account.

The president moved that the reports be adopted, paying a compliment to those responsible for their composition. The progress of the society from its initiation had been most gratifying. Beginning in a very small way, it had gone on until last year, largely owing to the beneficent bequest of Mr. J. H. Welsford; they had an income of over £17,000, and their invested funds were over £333,000. One sad note was that in the early days of the society there were 19

connected with it, of whom only four were now alive, together with their esteemed hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. M. Modderel.

Second Generation's Advent.

Mr. Muir Little seconded, remarking that, without wishing to make anybody feel older than he actually felt, he might say they were at a phase in the history of the society when the second generation was coming more and more into existence. On behalf of that second line, he would like to seize the opportunity of paying tribute to the founders and those who had given so much time, and whose reward must be in the wonderful financial edifice which had been erected, which generations to come must feel proud to protect, remember and guard.

Characterising what they had heard as the exterior part of the report, he remarked that he would like to refer them to the interior which consisted of letters which were received by the Committee from time to time, expressing heartfelt thanks, which words sometimes failed adequately to convey.

The reports were adopted. On the proposition of Lieut.-Col. Beazley, seconded by C. M. Farrar, Messrs. Chalmers, Wade and Co. were re-appointed auditors.

The New President.

Mr. Charles Rooth said it gave him very special pleasure to propose that Sir Percy E. Bates be re-elected president of the society for the coming year. While not intending to elaborate that theme, there was just one thing he would like to say, which he thought was a matter for mutual congratulation. He was sure a society, was to be congratulated on securing a gentleman of Sir Percy Bates' eminence in the shipping world, to serve as its president, but he was equally sure that Sir Percy Bates was to be congratulated on being elected to the honourable position of president of that society.

Mr. Alex. Reid echoed the sentiment of Mr. Booth. They were singularly fortunate in securing Sir Percy, not only for his own qualities and achievements, but also because he was the scion of an old Liverpool firm which had come down to posterity with such an honoured name. Recalling his young days he recounted the story told by a companion who, having had occasion to call on Sir Edward Bates to take a message which was evidently not to that gentleman's satisfaction, complained with ruffled dignity that Sir Edward had threatened to kick down the office stairs. (Laughter.) "That," said Mr. Reid, "was in the heroic days. I tell the tale not to cast any reflection on Sir Edward Bates and Sons, but to show the vigour and energy with which they prosecuted their business, and which undoubtedly led to the achievement of the results they got in the end. I am glad to say," he added, "Sir Percy Bates inherits those good qualities." (Renewed laughter.)

Mr. Welsford's Partner.

Sir Percy Bates in response, while he had not prepared any speech for that business meeting, declared that he thought he owed it to the society to come prepared with an explanation as to why, when he was first approached in regard to the office, he so readily assented. Until that day he did not quite realise the full extent to which the society was indebted to the late Mr. Welsford.

It might have escaped some of them that one of the business connections to which he succeeded on the death of his father, over 27 years ago, was what amounted to a partnership with the late Mr. J. H. Welsford, to a not unimportant extent.

Mr. Welsford in those days was a considerably older man than himself, and it was not at all times very easy to deal with him on partnership terms. They were both men of some individuality, perhaps he might even say of strong temper, and it could be imagined that in the trough of depression into which shipping fell in the early days of this century, what would happen between two such partners descending together into that trough.

Although they differed on many occasions, whatever terms they parted upon there was not the slightest malice or temper carried to their next meeting. "At bottom," he declared "Mr. Welsford was one of the kindest and best hearted men I ever met. He knew the trials of the profession of shipbrokers and I think it was his kind heart plus his realisation of the trials that the profession can go through when things are really bad that led him to leave this really generous bequest to your society."

OLD TIME FLEET.

FRESH LIGHT ON 1688 OPERATIONS.

A "PROTESTANT WIND."

(By John Drinkwater.)

It cannot be said that the reigns of James II. and William III. have been neglected by historians. Macaulay's five stout volumes alone would be enough to discredit such a view. And yet, closely as events in England from 1685 to 1702 have engaged the attention of specialists, they have never very deeply seized the imagination of the average Englishman who takes some interest in the chronicles of his country. Many readers who are reasonably well informed as to the Elizabethan story, the Civil Wars of the seventeenth century, the Commonwealth, and the Restoration, and have a speaking acquaintance at least with the eighteenth century and the Victorian era, would be at a loss to answer the most elementary questions about the Revolution of 1688. And yet this crisis, which constitutes the epic moment of the period to which we refer, was one of the most dramatic, as it was to be one of the most decisive, in English history.

By the beginning of 1687, it was clear that James II. was fixed on bringing the English people under a Catholic monarchy. If he had not said so in so many words, Protestant opinion in the country was none the less justified in concluding that this was his intention. For a hundred years Papism had been, rightly or wrongly, feared by the representative character of England as the gravest menace to English liberty.

The bid that James in his designs had made for the support of William of Orange had never been a very hopeful one. The Dutch Prince, indeed, looked upon himself with some reason as the champion of Protestantism in Europe, and he was little inclined to aid in the Romanising of a country that he might be called upon to rule. At the same time, his marriage to Mary, James's daughter by Anne Hyde, made it difficult for him to deal too incontinently with the English King's approaches. So long as his wife was held to the English Throne, he could not openly quarrel with the English Crown. But early in 1688, James announced that his consort, Mary of Modena, was with child, and became less solicitous of William's favour. In June, 1688, the Prince of Wales, to be known later as the Old Pretender, was born, and the whole aspect of Anglo-Dutch diplomacy was changed. At this point the Prince of Orange, no longer bound to the English court by the prospects of his wife, became the Protestant hope of the English people. He then moved with a rapidity somewhat surprising in so deliberate a character.

The Navy and The Whigs.

William learnt from his Secret Service that any operations against James would receive the support of a powerful party in England, and that this party was strongly represented in the Navy. He had reason to believe that if he could effect a landing on the English coast he would be received with an enthusiasm that would rapidly culminate in an offer of the Crown. He believed also that the resistance offered to such a landing by the English Fleet would not be a very determined one, and he decided to take the risk. Early in October, 1688, his naval operations began, and on Nov. 5 he landed at Torbay. His most hopeful anticipations were realised. He met with no effective opposition, and James impotently watched the daily desertions from his throne. On Dec. 12 the English Fleet, under Lord Dartmouth, placed itself at the disposal of the invader. In the same month

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James fled the country, and on Feb. 13, 1689, William and Mary were declared joint sovereigns of England.

The story of the naval operations on both sides, from the date of William's first embarkation until his successful landing at Torbay, has just been told by Mr. Edward B. Powley, with a great wealth of detail, in "The English Navy in the Revolution of 1688" (Cambridge University Press, 12s. 6d. net). His narrative is so absorbing that we sometimes wish that he had been able to let us take some of the detail a little more for granted, and to give us a bolder outline. But the complaint is ungracious. The outline was already more or less accessible, and it is the detail in all its intricacy that has been Mr. Powley's concern. He supplies it indefatigably, and fully deserves the compliment paid by Lord Jellicoe in a foreword, where we are told that "as a result of this work, a critical gap in our naval history is filled in." The strategic and tactical questions raised are the province of the naval expert but the layman cannot read this book without being stirred by a scene of graphic intensity.

The Opposing Admirals.

William's fleet was commanded by an Englishman, Arthur Herbert, afterwards Lord Torrington, who had joined the Dutch service on being cashiered by James for opposing the repeal of the Test Act in 1687. The English commander was George Legge, first Baron Dartmouth. Dartmouth was staunch, even a fanatical Protestant, and his experience at sea amounted to nothing much. But his loyalty to James was above suspicion, and it was this circumstance that elevated him to the command. The fleet was ordered by James, Samuel Pepys acting as his Naval Secretary, to manoeuvre in the neighbourhood of the Goodwin Sands, to strike at William's power if opportunity should arise, and in any case to intercept the Dutchman should he attempt to approach the English coast. There was more than a rumour of sedition in several of the English ships, sedition inspired by the hope of William's success. It was a circumstance that largely governed the choice of a commander, and in this respect

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*NOVARA	6,089	8th	May	'Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
DELTA	8,087	11th	May	'Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*DEVANHA	8,135	17th	May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
SANTHA	7,754	22nd	May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*MIRZAPORE	6,715	24th	May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
RANPURA	16,601	25th	May	'Shai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,006	2nd	June	Amoy, 'Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*NANKIN	7,058	6th	June	'Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ADAMS	6,444	6th	June	'Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKADA	8,049	7th	June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KHYBER	9,114	8th	June	'Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALAMBA	8,018	17th	June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	22nd	June	'Shai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*NELLORE	8,853	3rd	July	'Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASINIR	8,865	6th	July	'Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BARABANKI	6,090	10th	July	'Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAMPUTANA	14,568	20th	July	'Shai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KALYAN	9,144	3rd	Aug.	'Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	6,955	7th	Aug.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.

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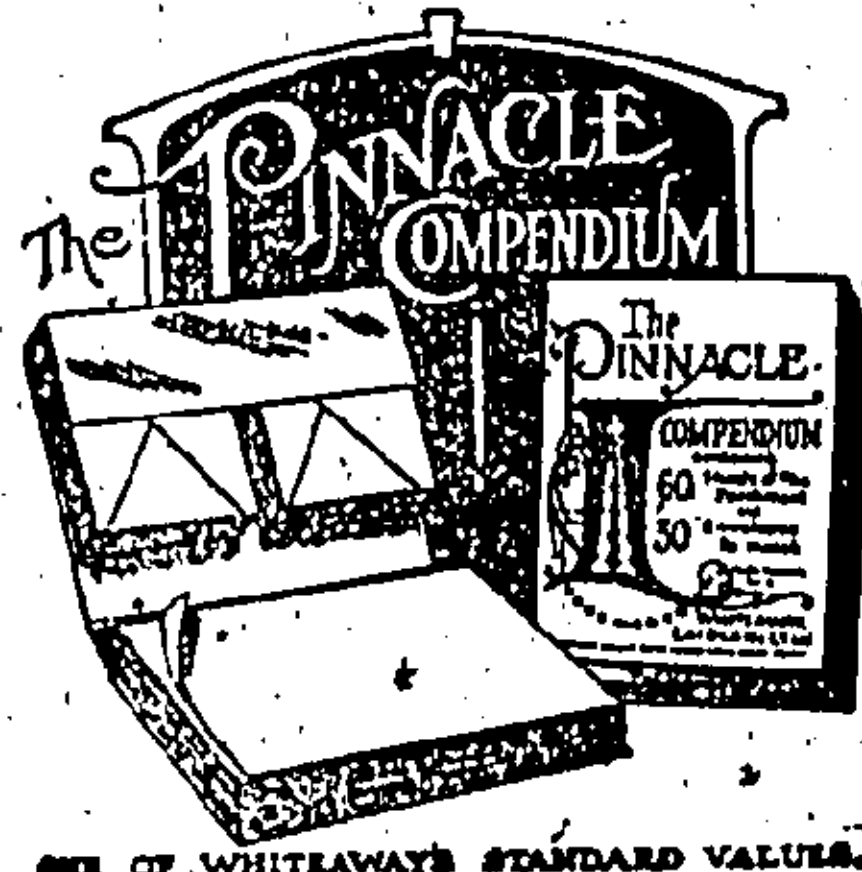
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MARRIAGE.

PENN-FISHER.—On 26th instant at St. George's Church, Penang, Arthur Harry Penn to Irene MacPherson Fisher.

Hong Kong, Monday, April 30, 1928.

RUBBER POLICY.

The unexpectedness of the British Government's decision to withdraw the restriction on exported rubber, which had been generally regarded throughout the Empire, ever since it had been introduced by the late Lord Stevenson, as having saved the industry from utter collapse, has been of such a nature that it is difficult to believe that with the close of last week's debate in the House of Commons the end of the upheaval has been reached. When one who is so highly competent as Mr. William Duncan, the newly elected chairman of the Rubber Growers' Association of London, to pass judgment on the new policy, does not hesitate to say that by its introduction £250,000,000 has been lost chiefly by British subjects, one must in consequence regard the matter as one that must be considered from every point of view before it is too late. The new policy does not come into force until the end of the year, and though the Government are doubtless quite convinced as to its soundness still if in the interim further factors could be shown by which the Government's proposal to withdraw the restriction scheme would be at least untimely it is inconceivable that the Government would not be willing to reconsider the question.

MID-YANGTZE BANDITS.

Hankow, Saturday.—In order to suppress the activities of bandits operating in this part of the Yangtze Valley, Lu Ho-tung has been appointed Anti-Bandit Commissioner.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"CELEBRITIES ON TOAST."

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—Appreciating as I do a few of the difficulties attending the production of a newspaper in this Colony, I have noted without sympathy a few of the sneers directed from the columns of the "Hong Kong Observer" at the alleged plagiarisms of certain other local papers—and have drawn my own conclusions as to the reasons for their being inserted.

It is therefore with some degree of satisfaction that I now draw your readers' attention to the latest spectacle of an "engineer hoist with his own petar." In a recent number of the "Hong Kong Observer" there appeared an article entitled "Celebrities on Toast—Mr. R. E. Lindsell," which your readers will discover, upon reading Volume 1 No. 1 of "London Calling," a home publication, to be an adaptation almost word for word of an article entitled "Celebrities on Toast: Jack Hulbert proposed by Dion Titheradge." In these circumstances it is not surprising that the sketch of Mr. Lindsell's character was as ludicrously out of drawing as it was in bad taste.

The Editor of the "Hong Kong Observer" has evidently forgotten the adage referring to dwellers in glass houses.

Enclosing my card,

I am, Sir,

Yours, etc.,

TRUTH.

Hong Kong, April 28, 1928.

MR. JACK HULBERT.

"CELEBRITIES ON TOAST."

[By Dion Titheradge.]
Below is the article to which a correspondent, "Truth," refers to-day:

Ladies and Gentlemen,—I am nervous. I am not good at toasting people. Toasting Mr. Jack Hulbert is the devil's own job—and I have no doubt it will be thoroughly attended to later on. Mr. Hulbert has had an extraordinary career—it started as soon as he was born.

One very severe summer's day in the latter years of the last century the cry of a baby was heard in the cathedral town of Ely. Mr. Hulbert was born in Ely; in fact, Mr. Hulbert was that baby. His anxious mother, noticing that there was something peculiar in the tone of this lachrymose effort, immediately sent for the doctor. There was no doubt that the baby was in pain, but the local practitioner made the startling discovery that his howls had a peculiar and barbaric rhythm. In modern music I believe they call it five-four time. His feet, too, beat an agonised tattoo on the end rail of his cot. The doctor predicted immediately that his young patient would die of syncope. The doctor was wrong—he has lived by syncope.

Apart from his feet, Mr. Hulbert has one other peculiarity. This also manifested itself in babyhood. It was just such another day when young Hulbert was lying in his perambulator swathed from top to toe in a sufficient amount of knitted wool to counteract the severity of the summer. Only one feature was visible. A friend of his mother's remarked admiringly that he had "his father's nose." That, too, was a mistake. She was looking at his chin.

With dancing feet and a chin like a sign-post, it was obvious Jack Hulbert would go far, and he set off early in life. His first stop was Cambridge. He went there to take a degree—in rowing, I think. However, he was soon thrown out of the College boat. The long, regular sweep of the oars was against his nature; he tried a syncope stroke, and kept on catching crabs.

His next move was to join the Footlights Club, and the rest of his time at Cambridge was spent in trying to persuade the University authorities to award a half-blue for dancing. He failed, of course, but it proves how much in advance of the times he has always been. Only last year a great American University gave us all Yale Blues.

Eventually, the Footlights Club came to London to give a performance and, when they returned to Cambridge, they left young Hulbert behind to start his theatrical career. He has been careering ever since.

Mr. Hulbert's hobby is work. He is never so happy as when he is playing in one of his own successful rescues with three matinees a week and, at the same time, as a side line, producing two musical comedies for London and three touring revues. He is without doubt the finest dance-producer in the kingdom. Look what he has done for our chorus girls. They rehearse I have heard many a girl say she was absolutely done for. How they work under his direction!

and have always been reminded of Beauty, proposed by "Seamark."

"CAT BURGLAR."

SENTENCED AT KOWLOON TO FIVE MONTHS.

SMART CONSTABLE.

Described as "a regular cat burglar," a Chinese was charged this morning at the Kowloon Magistrate before Mr. Schofield, for the theft of a blanket and watch, and additional articles of clothing from 31, Nanking-road.

Inspectors Fallon stated that the accused had climbed the back wall, scaled up the drain pipe, gaining admittance to the room through a fan-light. The occupants of the house at the time were two women who being aroused from their sleep by suspicious sounds, got up in time to see a darkly clad man make his escape through the fan-light.

In the early hours of morning in the district of Mongkok, a Chinese constable saw the accused with the stolen articles on him and detained him. He later proved to be the burglar.

His Worship was informed that defendant had committed a similar offence in the same district four months ago, using the same method of gaining admittance. Five months' hard labour was the sentence.

H.L.M. THE EMPEROR.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN COLONY.

TWO RECEPTIONS.

The birthday of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan was celebrated by the local Japanese community yesterday. National flags were in evidence at every Japanese home and business places, which, of course, were closed in honour of the occasion. Japanese and other ships in harbour were "dressed."

Mr. Y. Murakami, the Japanese Consul-General held a reception in the morning at the Hong Kong Hotel, which was attended by members of the Japanese community as well as Government officials, members of the Consular Body and prominent foreign and Chinese residents.

His Excellency, Major-General C. C. Luard, C.M.G., C.B., proposed the toast of H.M. the Emperor of Japan. His Excellency the Governor was represented by Capt. A. J. L. Whyte, A.D.C. Others present were Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. J. P. Braga, Lieut.-Col. Robertson and many heads of local foreign and Japanese firms.

H.K. NAVAL VISIT.

GOVERNOR'S LETTER TO THE CONSUL-GENERAL.

In connection with the recent visit of the Japanese Fleet, the following letter has been sent by H.E. the Governor to H.E. the British Naval Commander-in-Chief:

"I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's letter No. 2328 of April 17, 1928, regarding the recent visit of the Japanese Fleet.

The visit gave great pleasure to the Colony and I am glad that Your Excellency was able to be in Hong Kong when it took place.

I have, etc.,

(Sd.) C. CLEMENTI,

Governor, etc.

The following letter was sent by the Hon. Colonial Secretary to the Consul General for Japan:

"I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 21, 1928, regarding the recent visit to the Colony of the First Squadron of the Imperial Japanese Navy.

His Excellency the Governor highly appreciates the sentiments to which you give expression and desires me to state that the visit has left most pleasant recollections to all in Hong Kong and has, he feels sure, contributed in no small degree to the traditional friendship of the Japanese and British nations.

Lewis Carroll's famous phrase "reeling, writhing, and fainting in coils!"

But if Jack Hulbert's hobby is work, his work is taking moving pictures. I have never met a man so indefatigable with a Baby Ciné. He once dragged me all over the rock of Monaco to get a "shot" of the Casino at Monte Carlo. He overcame me. I know instinctively that a man who will take a moving picture of a thoroughly stationary object is not to be argued with.

After all, why should one argue with Mr. Hulbert? If the Casino didn't move, the camera did. It made a beautiful, purring noise, rhythmical and satisfying. That symbolises his life—organised, all ways working and well oiled. And that reminds me—"well oiled" suggests the object of this speech. Ladies and Gentlemen, charge your glasses and drink to Mr. Jack Hulbert.

AN EXPLORER.

JOHN T. CLIFTON PASSES AWAY.

MISSED KLONDYKE.

Mr. John Talbot Clifton, Lord of the Manor of Lytham, and famous as a world-wide traveller and explorer, died recently at Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary Islands. In January last Mr. and Mrs. Clifton left their Scottish home, Kildalton Castle, Islay, on a journey of exploration through Africa, but when they had reached Bamako, in the French Sudan, Mr. Clifton became seriously ill. He was taken with all speed to the Canary Islands, where he underwent an operation about a fortnight ago. The body will be brought to England. He expressed a wish before he died to be buried at Lytham, where so many of his ancestors lie.

Mr. Clifton was born on Dec. 1, 1868, the eldest son of the late Mr. Thomas Henry Clifton, M.P., for North Lancashire, and Madeline Diana Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Sir Andrew Noel Agnew, eighth baronet. He was educated at Eton and Magdalene College, Cambridge. From his earliest days he showed that passion for travel which distinguished him to the end, and for which he was well fitted by his stature—6 ft. 2 in.—and general physique. By the time he was twenty he had been twice round the world, once in his yacht "Soprano," and then he became a cowboy in Wyoming. When he came of age he succeeded his grandfather, Colonel John Talbot Clifton, M.P. He undertook a series of explorations in Africa, and discovered a new route between Ujiji and the Victoria Nyanza. He was the first Englishman to navigate the Lena River, Siberia, and found on the shores of the Arctic Ocean a new species of wild sheep, some of which were presented to the British Museum and named Ovis Cliftoni. For twelve months he lived alone among the Eskimos far north of Hudson's Bay, trying to discover some of the remains of Sir John Franklin's ill-fated expedition.

By a chance he missed becoming the owner of gold mines in the Klondyke. In 1897 he travelled with a sleigh into the Yukon, where he came across a small camp occupied by two or three miners. On his return to England he placed the samples of gold before certain friends in the City, offering at the same time to put up £5,000 as his share if two others with £5,000 were forthcoming. Nobody had ever heard of gold in the Klondyke, nor in the Yukon. Nobody wanted to put down money. The great rush began next year.

Mr. Clifton had also made trips through India and South America. He was a war correspondent during the Russo-Japanese and South African Wars, and during the early part of the Great War he carried despatches for the King of the Belgians, and afterwards served as a lieutenant in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. He was a Fellow of the Royal Geographical and the Zoological Societies.

Mr. Clifton's estates in Lancashire include the whole of the freehold of Lytham, St. Anne's, and many thousands of adjoining acres of agricultural land, some of which are held by grant from William Rufus. He also owned 17,000 acres in the Isle of Islay.

In 1907 he married Violet Mary, daughter of the late Mr. William Nelthorpe Beauclerk, British Minister Plenipotentiary and Extraordinary in Peru, Ecuador, and Bolivia. He leaves two sons and three daughters. The eldest son Mr. Harry Talbot de Vere Clifton, succeeds to the estates. Mrs. Clifton is the authoress of "Pilgrims to the Isles of Penance" and "The Islands of Queen Wilhelmina," which was descriptive of an extended tour recently made by herself and her husband through the Dutch West Indies.

DO YOU KNOW?

To-day's List of Little Posers.

From day to day in the "China Mail" appear half a dozen questions of a general nature, for which acknowledgment is due to the "Daily Sketch." Answers will be found on page 9 of this issue.

1. For what sum, Cape Colony was acquired by Great Britain?
2. What king gave his name to monumental tombs?
3. Of whom and what was it written, "If you seek my monument, look around?"
4. From what animal seal fur is obtained?
5. What displacement tonnage is?
6. What creature can travel over water on a sharp razor without cutting itself?

PILOT'S STRIKE.

HANKOW ASSOCIATION MEMBERS.

MORE PAY WANTED.

Hankow, Yesterday. All Middle (Yangtze) River pilots, members of the Hankow Pilot Association, have declared a strike to obtain more pay.—British Naval Wireless.

LEAGUE'S BUDGET.

HALF MILLION GOLD FRANCS INCREASED EXPENDITURE.

INDIAN OPPOSITION.

Geneva, April 29. The Budget estimates for 1929, providing about 8,500,000 gold francs, or an increase of over half a million compared with 1928, have provoked considerable debate. The increase, which is due to a proposed augmentation of staff in the creation of sixteen new posts, was opposed by the employers' group. Mr. Chatterjee, the Indian representative, moved a reduction of 150,000 francs under the heading of creation of new posts. He declared that the rapidly increasing expenditure of the various institutions of the League would only help to alienate people of distant countries like India. Mr. Chatterjee's motion was strongly opposed by the workers' groups and was eventually rejected by 15 votes to 7. The estimates were, passed by seventeen votes, the remaining members abstaining.—Reuter.

NOISY SCENES.

JAPANESE DIET MEMBERS IN HILARIOUS MOOD.

"VERBAL CONFLICTS."

Tokyo, April 28. After uproarious scenes the Opposition presented their motion of non-confidence in the Home Minister, whereupon the Diet was prorogued for three days. The Government is hoping in the meantime to win over sufficient support to defeat the motion. The presentation of the motion has been preceded for the last few days by violent verbal conflicts and mutual recriminations, necessitating temporary adjournments for the purpose of restoring order. Large numbers of spectators, from all walks in life, came from distant parts of the country to watch the proceedings. Many after waiting from early morning were turned away owing to lack of seating accommodation. Two members of the Diet, who were ill, were carried to the Diet by friends so as to be present for the voting.—Reuter.

UNLUCKY GREECE.

H.M. THE KING EXPRESSES DEEP SYMPATHY.

HELP ACKNOWLEDGED.

London, Yesterday. H.M. King George has telegraphed to the President of the Greek Republic expressing deep sympathy with the families of the victims of the earthquake at Corinth and those rendered homeless. President Coundouriotis, in reply, expressed the gratitude of the citizens of Corinth and the Greek nation for the sympathy of His Majesty and for the assistance given by vessels of British fleet.—British Wireless Service.

DEMONSTRATORS.

DISMISSED FROM ACADEMY.

CHINESE STUDENTS.

Tokyo, Saturday. Twenty-five of 230 Chinese students of the Japanese Military Academy have been dismissed for creating disturbances in protesting against the despatch of troops to Shantung.—Reuter.

Geneva, April 29.—Animated discussion by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office has resulted in the adoption of a formula for the revision and modification of the Washington Hours Conventions. The Governing Body will decide whether the question shall be placed on the future agenda after the Body has investigated the hours and wages of all countries, both where the Convention has been ratified and where it has not.—Reuter.

— PAYS PENALTY.

MURDERER OF SHANGHAI LADY.

FORESTIER OUTRAGE.

Shanghai, April 24. Justice took its vengeance yesterday against the Chinese house coolie who murdered Mrs. E. T. Forestier in the kitchen of her home in Avenue Haig on November 2 last year.

The coolie, after being paraded through the streets of the Foreign Settlement with a large placard on his breast relating his crime and the penalty, was handed over to the Chinese military authorities yesterday afternoon and was shot by a firing squad.

Sentence of death was passed on the coolie after his arrest near Ningpo a few days after the murder. Confirmation of the sentence was received by the Provisional Court from the Nanking Provincial Government yesterday morning, and the wheels of justice were quickly set in motion. The coolie was taken out of his cell at 2 p.m., and was placed in one of the open-cased cars used by the Municipal police for transporting prisoners.

His hands were manacled to the sides of the cage, and under police guard, he was paraded through the streets of the Settlement before being handed over to the Chinese military authorities for execution. Shortly after, sentence was carried out on the condemned coolie.

Mrs. Forestier was the victim of a particularly brutal attack. An argument started over the question of back pay alleged to be due and led to her being attacked by the coolie and an accomplice, a hawker, with a meat chopper and a kitchen knife. She received terrible wounds to which she succumbed a few days later after lying unconscious in hospital.

For the crime the coolie was sentenced to death and his accomplice was sentenced to a long prison term.—Shanghai Times.

JAPANESE TROOPS.

5,000 ARRIVE AT PEKING.

PROCLAMATION ISSUED.

Peking, Saturday.

All the Japanese troops for Shantung, numbering 5,000, have arrived. General Fukuda has issued a proclamation assuring the populace that the Japanese have come merely to protect the lives and property of their nationals and not to molest the inhabitants. He has also sent a message to the rival generals stating he has no intention of interfering with North or South if they use the railway properly, but warning them not to try and cut it, which would be harmful to Japanese residents.—Reuter.

NANKING LOAN.

FLOATING \$10,000,000 ISSUE.

STAMP TAX SECURITY.

Nanking, Saturday.

The Government council has decided to float a public loan of \$10,000,000, which will be secured on revenue from the stamp tax. The loan will carry eight per cent. interest, which will be paid half yearly while one-twentieth of the principal will be paid every six months from January 1, 1929. The council also decided that in order to unify the monetary system the dollar be used as the unit, the system of accounting in taels being abolished.—Reuter.

BELA KUN.

HUNGARIAN SOVIET PLOT?

Vienna, Saturday.

It is alleged that among the papers seized in the rooms of Bela Kun was a plan for the establishment of a Soviet Republic in Hungary and the distribution of Bolshevik propaganda. It is stated that the Chancellor has dissolved the Red organisation known as "the fighters in the van."—Reuter.

ARMS FOR CHINA.

LLOYDS AGREE NOT TO UNDERWRITE.

London, Saturday.

All underwriters at Lloyd's have agreed at the request of the Foreign Office not to underwrite commitments of arms and munitions for China in future.—Reuter.

CHINA & PORTUGAL.

CALL FOR NEW TREATY TERMS.

NATIONALIST NOTE.

Nanking, Saturday.

General Hwang Fu who yesterday despatched a note to the Portuguese Minister on the subject of the Chinese-Portuguese treaty of 1887, pointed out that inasmuch as the present conditions in both countries were entirely different from those of 40 years ago, the Nationalist Government believes the treaty which yesterday completed its 10-year term for the fourth time can no longer serve its purpose and should immediately be revised.

The Nationalist Government proposes that the Governments of China and Portugal should each appoint special representatives to conclude a new treaty on a basis of equality and mutual respect for territorial sovereignty with a view to meet the present conditions. So would friendly relations between the two countries be strengthened and common interest promoted.—Reuter.

Waichiao Attitude.

It is understood that the Waichiao is adopting the same attitude as Nanking regarding the Chinese-Portuguese treaty, but up to now no official statement has been published.—Reuter.

The Waichiao notified the Portuguese Legation to-day that the Chinese-Portuguese treaty had terminated.—Reuter.

EAGLE MENACE.

MEN KEEP WATCH WITH GUNS.

Marlow, March 24.

Armed farm workers are keeping a look-out for a large eagle which made its appearance in the Thames Valley, at Little Marlow, Buckinghamshire, last Monday and has since killed two lambs.

Those who have seen it declare that it has a wing span of about 6 feet.

The eagle was seen to-day by farm workers employed by Mr. D. R. Randall, of West Thorpe Farm, Little Marlow, but they were able to frighten it away before it could make a raid on the flock. It has also been seen hovering over Spade Oak Farm, Bourne End, but has not yet killed any of the lambs on that farm.

Mrs. Robert Randall said to-night:—

The eagle when first seen swooped on to the flock of sheep. By the time that we could summon help and frighten the bird away two lambs had been killed and torn to pieces.

Since then our workers have carried guns and have been told to shoot whenever the bird comes within range. It is a huge creature and is a terrifying sight when on the wing.

We believe locally that it has escaped from some private collection.

Fierce And Determined. Mr. D. Seth Smith, the curator of birds at the Zoological Gardens, Regent's Park, N.W., said to a "Daily Mail" reporter that the bird was probably a white tailed eagle. He added:—

We have had reports during the past few months about eagles being seen in Bedfordshire and Essex. They probably refer to one bird and it is quite possible that the bird now reported is the same.

The white tailed eagle occasionally visits this country, generally in the winter, and usually keeps to districts near the coast. It feeds on carrion, poultry, and other birds, and on newly-born lambs, but is not likely to be dangerous to children.

The white tailed eagle, according to the natural history books, is a fierce and determined bird which attains a length of 38 inches in the case of the female, the male bird being about 4½ inches less. The wing span is about 7ft. It is an expert angler.

FURTHER TIME.

CEYLON RUBBER DUTY DECISION.

Colombo, Saturday.

The finance committee of the Legislature has decided that further time is needed for consideration of the question of a reduction in the export duty on rubber.—Reuter.

'QUAKE SHOCKS.

SAILORS INJURED AT CORINTH.

Athens, Saturday.

Two slight shocks were felt at Corinth yesterday. The earthquake engaged in demolition work were slightly injured.—Reuter.

"ANNIE LAURIE."

SPLENDID DRAMA OF SCOTLAND.

AT THE QUEEN'S.

To packed houses yesterday, the fine story of olden Scotland, "Annie Laurie," is being screened at the Queen's Theatre.

Produced by John S. Robertson, and based on the sad episode of the "Massacre of Glencoe," it is a stirring story of the rivalry of the MacDonald and Campbell clans, showing the swishing of swords, the swinging of kilts, and big, broad, brainy Highland laddies in fierce defiance of each other.

In a splendid cast of prominent artists Norman Kerry plays the part of Ian MacDonald, son and heir to the Laird, splendidly supported by Hobart Bosworth as the MacDonald Chieftain. Lillian Gish, noteworthy in many splendid dramas, meritoriously acts the part of heroine, with Patricia Avery as Enid, in good support. The funny and laughable side of this grim story is rendered by old Sandy, played by Russell Simpson.

From the opening scene to the coloured presentation of the unity of Ian and Annie, it is a picture that holds the interest, and special merit must be given to the lovely scenery displayed throughout the picture. Special interest is gained through the accompaniment of a pipe from the 2nd Batt. K.O.S.B. to the screening of this drama.

Pipes and Band.

The Scottish pipe who played at all performances yesterday will play at the 5.10, 7.15 and 9.20 performances to-day and Tuesday. Popular selections will be played at the 9.20 performance to-day and Tuesday by the Band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, by the kind permission of Lieut.-Col. L. J. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O. and officers. Following is the musical programme rendered by the K.O.S.B. band:—

Gems of Scotland, selected and arranged by Mr. W. H. FitzGerald, A.R.C.M., introducing "The Carb of Auld Gaul," "Annie Laurie," "The Campbells are Coming," "Ye Banks and Braes o' Bonnie Doon," "We're A' Noddin'," "Within a Mile o' Edinburgh Toun," "Brose and Butter," "Blue Bells of Scotland," "The White Cockade," "Scots Wha Hae," "There's Nae Luck About the House," "Duncan Gray," "Mony Musk," "Blue Bonnets O'er the Border," "Auld Lang Syne."

ZOUBKOV.

UNWANTED IN FRANCE OR ENGLAND.

COMPANION'S STORY.

Brussels.—Mme. Alice Nyssens, the 34-years-old Belgian brunette who came from Bonn to Brussels with M. Zoubkov, the Russian husband of Princess Victoria of Schaumburg-Lippe, sister of the ex-Kaiser, after an expulsion order had been issued against him in Germany, has made a statement to a Brussels newspaper.

She referred continually to Zoubkov as "the baron," explaining that, by reason of his descent, he bears the equivalent Russian title. She said that it was her husband, a German, who introduced Zoubkov to the Princess Victoria, and that it was with his consent that she accompanied Zoubkov to Belgium to prepare his voyage to the Congo. [The Belgian Colonial Office has already announced that it will not grant the necessary permit for this voyage.]

Mme. Nyssens is indignant about the stories which have coupled her name with that of Zoubkov. She explained that though she and the Russian are both at the same hotel her apartment is on the third floor, while that of Zoubkov is on the first.

Problem For "The Baron." "The baron," she said, "is ill with influenza and I cannot abandon him. The Princess telephones to us every day and has entreated me to remain with him. The baron has been authorised to stay in Belgium until April 4.

"Then where can he go? Not to England or France, for we have already been told that he would be considered undesirable there. He cannot go to Holland, because at Doorn there is an all-powerful personage."

"There remains only the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg," went on Mme. Nyssens between her sobs. "The baron and the Princess are still very much in love with each other, and 'it is only' since the Princess has known him that she has tasted the real joys of life."

"Having failed to prevent the marriage, the Nationalists are now doing all they can to break it. The Berlin and the motor-cycle accident was really an attempt on his life."

"Shadows Before"

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day & to-morrow—Queen's Theatre; "Annie Laurie."
To-day—World Theatre; "The Valley of Hell."
To-day—Star Theatre; "A Man's Past."

To-day—Cheer 'O Dance, at Helena May Institute, at 8.30 p.m.
May 1-2—World Theatre; "The Sap."

May 1-2—Star Theatre; "The Manicure Girl."
May 2-5—Queen's Theatre; "The Battles of Coronel and Falkland Islands."

May 3—Dance, Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A. at 7.30 p.m.

May 3-5—World Theatre; "The White Rose."

May 3-5—Star Theatre; "Hell Bent For Heaven."

May 4—Quarry Bay Dance, at 7.30 p.m.

May 6—Music, Cheer 'O Y.C.M.A., at 7.30 p.m.

May 2—Hockey match: Wanderers v. 315th Punjab, Marina ground, 5.30 p.m.

May 2—Special football match: Winners of the League v. The Rest of the League, Sookmumpoo.

May 2nd—Whist Drive, Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7 p.m.

May 5—H.K. Jockey Club fourth extra race meeting.

May 13—Eighteenth extra race meeting of the I.R.R.C., Macao.

Lammerts' Auction.

Today—At Sales Room, Postage Stamps, 5.15 p.m.

May 2—At Godown No. 18, the H.K. & Kowloon Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, miscellaneous goods, 10.30 a.m.

May 3—At 6 and top floor of 9, Knutsford Terrace, Kimberley-rd., Kowloon, household furniture, 11 a.m.

May 3—At Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1537, Ma Tau Kok, Kowloon, one hut, 6 stables, two litter sheds and two hay stores, 3 p.m.

Meeting.

May 17—Forty-seventh ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's offices, noon.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Exhibition of pictures, pastel and water-colours, at Messrs. Komor & Komors, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 2—H.E. the Governor presents the "Silver Wolf," awarded by Sir R. Baden-Powell to the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, at Govt. House, 4 p.m.

November 13—Matriculation, Senior and Junior Local exams. at the Hong Kong University.

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A DESERTER?

An item in this morning's police reports, recorded the fact that a report had been made to the Yaumati police by Mr. S. Manson, proprietor of the South Asia Garage, Pakhoi-street, Yaumati, to the effect that on April 3 he engaged the services of a European named H. Cole as mechanic in the garage. On April 16, Cole took out private motor-car No. 374 for a trial run, and not returned since. In addition to the car, Cole had on him at the time \$30 which Mr. Manson had entrusted to him to buy tyres.

The car, which was valued at \$700, was reported to have been traced to Wanchai where it was alleged to have been sold to someone whose name was not given.

Another item in the reports had reference to the same matter.

It stated that a European soldier named H. Cole (name of regiment not given) had been arrested for desertion and was being detained at the Shamshulpo Camp.

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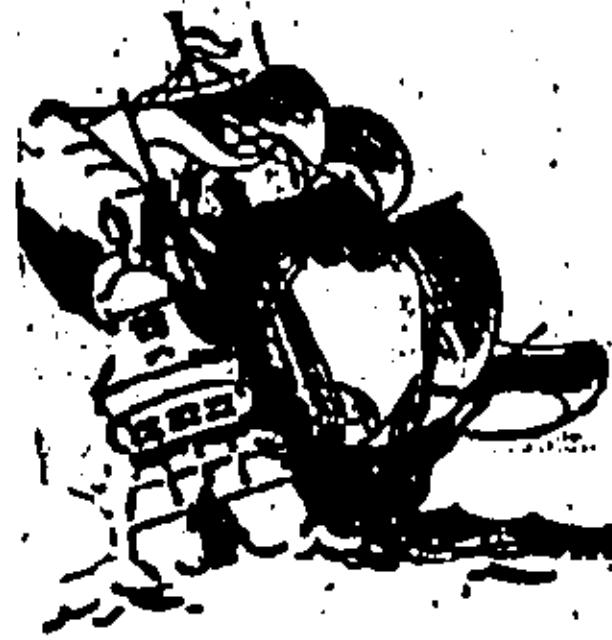
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Major H. von Heldenstam, Engineer-in-Chief of the Whangpoo Conservancy Board, will return to Shanghai about September.

Thousands of members of Scottish societies filled the Second Presbyterian Church at Newark, New Jersey, to attend a memorial service for the late Earl Haig.

Scaling a water pipe, a thief gained admittance to the first floor of No. 30, Stanley-street by the open verandah door. He stole jewellery and clothing valued at \$696.

A thief entered No. 5, Shelley-street during the week-end and stole clothing valued at \$27. The theft was not discovered until Sunday morning when a report was made to the police.

The Peking Diplomatic Corps is reported by the Chinese papers to have requested the Chinese Government to take all necessary measures to protect foreign lives and property in the war areas.

A proposal is afoot in Peking to reduce the salaries of the foreign members of the Customs Service and the Salt Administration by 25 per cent, and to devote the proceeds to military expenses, says the vernacular press.

Martial law has been declared in Peking and Tientsin, according to telegrams received by the Chinese press and the "Dah Tung Evening News" of Peking has been suppressed because it published war news not officially censored.

Stockholm, April 29.—What is claimed to be the longest telephonic communication in Europe has been successfully tested. The connection is between Kiruna, in Upper Lapland, and Geneva, a distance of 2,422 miles.—Reuter.



Grindell Matthews, British scientist and inventor of the invisible death ray, who is paying the United States a visit. Mr. Matthews claims his ray will stop the magnets of an airplane or automobile at a great distance, and the invention was successfully tested out in London. He is also the inventor of the machine which throws pictures on the clouds.

The general warehouses of the State Railways at Zemoun, near Belgrade, have been destroyed by fire owing to an explosion in the petrol stores. The workshop of the Icarus Aviation Company situated close by was saved, although for a short time the fire threatened to spread to it.

Sportsmen in the Far East will be glad to know that cable news has been received that Mr. P. H. McKay's two-year old filly out of Friarstown Lass won the Beck-hampton plate at Newbury this month. This must be a favourite stamping ground of his, as last year at the same meeting he won the Compton Handicap with his four-year old Lentlover.

The all-conquering cinema has supplanted the old "Deutsches Theatre," Cologne, where for many years the British Rhine Army Dramatic Club produced a new play nearly every week, and where many of the leading members of the profession, including Mrs. Patrick Campbell, who played in "Pygmalion," the part she originally created, appeared.

Before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday, two Chinese were charged with stealing half a ton of coal from the M.C.K. colliery. A watchman saw four men acting in a suspicious manner in the vicinity of the yard and, on investigating, found the stolen coal in a dingy. Two of the alleged thieves got away, but the Indian arrested the other two. The accused were fined \$40, or in default six weeks' hard labour.

Wireless telephony has now been established between Paris and Algiers.

One Chinese case of smallpox was notified during the 48 hours ended yesterday.

Clothing valued at \$50 is reported to have been stolen from the first floor of No. 497, Nathan-road, Kowloon, on Saturday night.



The Hon. Elsie Mackay, the third daughter of Viscount Inchcape, British ship-building magnate, who was lost at sea while attempting a transatlantic flight with Capt. Walter G. H. Hinchcliffe, British ace.

When Mr. C. Y. Wong was riding in a ricksha in Bonham-road, a sneak thief approached the vehicle from behind, and snatching a bag from the foot-rest made off with it. He got clear away before Mr. Wong could get out of the ricksha to give chase.

A financial statement contained in the "Gazette" shows that at the end of January the Colony's credit balance was \$4,705,161, as compared with \$3,935,761.57 at the end of December. The revenue for the month totalled \$2,093,631.10, as compared with \$1,737,627.29 for the same month last year. The total expenditure for the month was \$1,377,291.67, which compares with \$1,177,767.41 for January last year.

London, April 29.—A Committee, headed by Lord Balfour of Burleigh, has been appointed to examine the regulations in the Straits Settlements and the Malay States governing the protection of women and girls. The Committee comprises Mrs. Alfred Lyttelton, Mrs. Neville Rolfe, Sir O. Warburg, Miss Barrie Lambert, and the Reverend W. C. Roberts. The Committee will be assisted by representatives of various Government departments.—Reuter.

The "Eastern Times" says that, as a tramcar was passing Rue Pere Robert, Shanghai, last Sunday evening shortly before 8.30, a shot was fired by a unknown person and a window was smashed. There was general confusion in the car and a passenger narrowly escaped being hit. Inquiries were made of the French Police but it was learned that there was no truth in the report as no bullet could be found. It was probable, however, that a stone had been thrown and that this had broken the window.

Mr. W. M. R. Pringle, for some ten years a member of the House of Commons and a prominent member of the Liberal Party, died suddenly on April 1 at his home, 10, Sutherland-grove, East Putney, S.W., London, in his 54th year. Mr. Pringle, who appeared to be quite well, went to see the University Boat Race, but early on the following morning he was taken ill, and he died from heart failure at 5.30 a.m. before the arrival of a doctor who had been summoned. Mr. Pringle was to have been at the next general election the Liberal candidate for Paisley.

At a meeting of the General Frederick Ward Post of the American Legion, held recently at the American Court, tentative plans for the annual pilgrimage to the tomb of General Frederick Ward were discussed. The following officers were elected: Commander, J. E. Swan; Vice-Commander, L. R. Shinnazi; Adjutant, R. F. Clarke; Treasurer, R. G. Fairfield; Sergeant-at-Arms, C. Heyn; Historian, Mrs. C. Bennett. All American veterans of the World War were invited to join the local post, and to include the subscription to the "American Legion Monthly."

The people of Hangchow, the Chinese press states, are vigorously opposing the return of the C. M. S. Hospital to its original owners.

An advertisement announces that Mr. C. Rahim, of Messrs. Carrim-bhay & Co., Ltd., is leaving for Bombay and that Mr. C. Esmail will be in charge of the firm from May 1.

The Commonwealth Government expects to spend upwards of £150,000 on cancer research this year, according to an announcement made by Mr. Bruce, the Commonwealth Prime Minister.

According to the "Eastern Times," a disastrous fire occurred in Chungking (Szechuan) and burnt a large section of the city. As the Japanese Consulate was seriously endangered, marines were landed.

When a tenant at 692 Chaou-fong-road, Shanghai, crawled from an upper storey window to notify the police that armed robbers were on the premises, the gang decamped, taking with them, however, \$590 worth of valuables.

It is reported that Mr. C. A. Montalto de Jesus, the well known Portuguese writer and author of "Historic Macao" has been sentenced to four months' imprisonment with the option of a fine on a charge concerning certain statements in the book.

News has been received that Margaret Joan Jaffee (aged 13½) has headed the list in the open scholarships for girls under 15 at Milton Mount College, Sussex, England. Joan Jaffee was a pupil for nearly six years at the Cathedral Girls' School, Shanghai, and left for Home last April.



Vice Air Marshal Sir Edward Ellington, who is in command of the Royal Air Force in Iraq, where Ibn Saud, King of the Hedjaz, the "Arab Napoleon," has threatened those loyal to the British mandate, Iraq and Transjordan. Recently 800 followers of Ibn Saud were killed during British air raids.

The Chinese Legation in London has written a letter to the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, a copy of which appeared in Shanghai's vernacular press, to the effect that it wants the names and addresses of the leading Chinese manufacturers, importers and exporters as many British firms are anxious to trade with them.

As the result of a fire that broke out at Colorado House Hotel, Denver, thirteen persons received injuries from burns and had to be taken to hospital. Four of the injured are in a critical condition. Five persons were reported missing, but have been located. About 100 guests escaped by jumping out of the window on the lower floors.

Quite a commotion was caused in Staunton-street on Saturday night when the sound of a revolver shot suddenly broke the stillness of the night followed by a chorus of police whistles. It was soon discovered, however, that a Chinese constable had accidentally pulled the trigger of his revolver and the shot had entered his foot. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Manila, April 22.—The second enforced "dry" period, resulting from the new Election Law, was a complete success in Manila yesterday, says the "Manila Times." Not one violation of the regulation against drinking was reported up to midnight, when the "vets" again had it. That Manila's thirst is of no light-minded variety, easily forgotten, was proved by the rush of business which dawned on the refreshment parlours re-opened after 12.00 p.m.

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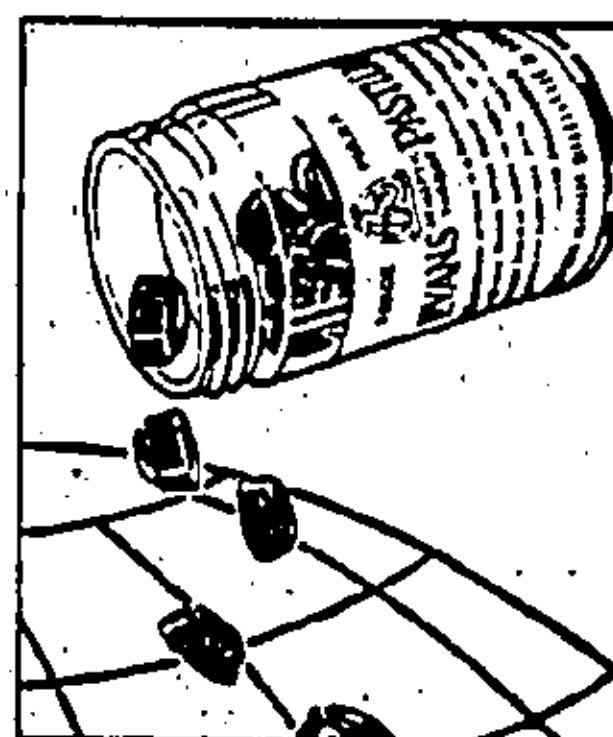
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ATHLETIC LEAGUE GAME.

QUEEN'S BIG WIN.

The unbeaten League record of Chinese Athletic was smashed with a vengeance by the Queen's Regiment on Saturday, when the soldiers won by six clear goals.

Despite the score, it was a bright game and was witnessed by a very large crowd. The Queen's played sterling football, reproducing the form shown at the beginning of the season but which subsequently lapsed. Every man appeared to be trained to the minute, and from the kick-off they went into the game with a dash.

The Chinese were without three of their usual players but put up a good fight. The forwards were triers, but had not got it in them to subdue the military defence.

Caldecott scored four goals for the Queen's Regiment, one of them being a penalty shot.

There was a large crowd present at Soekumpoo when the teams lined out as follows:—

Queen's Regiment: Goal, Rowbottom; Backs, Hooper and Bunn; Half-backs, Burnes, Morris and Cantor; Forwards, Richardson, Hill, Barclay, Larkin and Caldecott.

Chinese Athletic: Goal, Pau Kung; Backs, Lo Wai-man and Lai Yut-tat; Half-backs, Ho Cho-yin, Wong Shui-wa and Lam Ying-ying; Forwards, Tso Kwai-shing, Chang Siu-hong, Wong Pak-cheong, Shek Pui-tim and Chan Kwong-yiu.

Referee, Mr. J. Baldwin.

The Athletic were without Ng Kam-chuen, full back, Leung Yuk-tung, right half-back, and Suen Kam-shun, inside-left. The Queen's fielded a strong team.

The Queen's kicked off and very early the military side gave evidence of a good fast game, as Lai Yut-tat had to be very quick to stop an early rush. The Athletic then pressed, but Wong Pak-cheong was stopped by Morris. Hill fed Richardson nicely on the Queen's right and Pau saved a nice put-over from the winger. Wong Pak-cheong put the ball along to Tso Kwai-shing on the Athletic right and Tso beat Bunn nicely, but his shot went over.

Chan was next away on the Chinese left, but Hooper relieved, and Wong Shui-wa tested Rowbottom with a good shot.

First Blood.

The Queen's forwards now got going and some clever passing was indulged in by the forwards, but Tso broke away again on the right and came near scoring, a big drive by Lam also being chased down. The Queen's left-wing passed finely and in a good run down Caldecott scored the first goal with a nice low cross drive.

The Queen's attacked strongly and Hill just missed, but fine play by Richardson, on the right, followed, the winger beating the defence and passing to Larkin, who was following up, the latter scoring with a hard shot high in the corner of the net. The Queen's supporters were very pleased with their team's display, the whole side putting plenty of energy into their work.

In a sharp attack by Chinese Athletic Bunn just cleared from Tso in an exciting passage in the Queen's goal, Murray also showing up well. Wong Pak-cheong, when right through, just put the ball outside in a good effort and Queen's led at the interval by two goals to nil.

Second Half.

The Athletic kicked off facing the breeze and restarted briskly, but the Queen's forwards were having a day out and Caldecott nearly turned in a goal from the restart. The same player soon afterwards had a fine effort just saved by Pau, and then the Athletic nearly scored, Hooper missing, and Shek Pui-tim was just too late in shooting, Bunn clearing.

The Queen's came again with good play by Barclay. Larkin brought the ball well up and Caldecott scored the third goal with a magnificent shot from well out, a well placed kick with the left foot leaving Pau helpless. This goal was deservedly cheered, the shot being a brilliant one.

A Penalty.

Queen's were now showing much superior play, the Athletic only getting away in dashes, and from one of the numerous kick-out Lo Wai-man fouled and Caldecott, with a smashing drive, scored from the subsequent penalty.

With four goals down, the Athletic were playing an uphill game, but Tso Kwai-shing got moving on the right and Rowbottom made a glorious save from Chang Siu-hong, close in, a corner resulting.

The Queen's again took up the attack and a free kick awarded outside the penalty area was smashed through by Caldecott.

Chan Kwong-yiu broke away on the Chinese left, but Bunn saved finely, and in the closing stages Barclay brought the Military side's total up to six, the Queen's having shown great all-round superiority on the day's play.

COMMENT.

The Athletic with an unbroken League record were unfortunate to meet the Queen's Regiment in such towering form. On the day's play, with a strong team in every department, Queen's played splendid football and were much superior. They played a much quicker game than have other Army teams in the Colony, and at times were much faster than their opponents.

Rowbottom was very safe and Bunn was the better back. The half-back line was strong, with Morris in the centre, and Burnes and Cantor were great warriors.

It was forward where the Queen's scintillated. Caldecott was the outstanding forward on the field, his goals being of the pile-driving order and his exhibition altogether was a fine one. Barclay, Larkin and Richardson played right on top of their form and Hill was exceedingly useful in a strange position. On this showing Queen's are easily the best team in the Colony, and if they can keep this team together next season will be a strong combination indeed.

Athletic Disappoint.

The Athletic disappointed their supporters as their display was patchy and, excepting for a bright start, they fell off badly. Chan and Tso, the wingers, and Wong Pak-cheong, did well, but the insides were both weak, and Suen was badly missed.

Lam Yuk-yung was the pick of the half-backs, who had a tremendous amount of work to do, and were so pressed by the Queen's forwards that they were unable to feed, accurately, Wong Shui-wa kicking much too hard.

Lai Yut-tat played well at left back. His partner, however, was variable and inclined to be too robust and eager. The penalty scored by the Queen's was due to a silly error on his part.

Pau Ka-ping in goal, despite the score, gave a bright display, some saves being very fine, and he was given very little chance with the shots which actually beat him. The Athletic showed staleness, but this was probably due to the fine display of the Army side, and a bit of super-brilliance saved up by the Queen's for a final effort.

The game was an open and fast one, and the Army side did not take advantage of their weight unduly, the exhibition of forward play, particularly the brilliant goals, giving a big crowd an unusual treat.

Queen's Regt. 6
Chinese Athletic 0

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SPECIAL MATCH.

A special match "Winners of the League" versus "The Rest of the League" will be played at Soekumpoo on Wednesday, kick off at 5 p.m. Major-General Liard, C.B., General Officer Commanding Troops, South China Command, will present the trophy and medals to the Winners and Runners-up.

The "Rest" team will be: Pte. Westland (B Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.); Gnr. Excell (12th H Bty. R.A.); Sapper Earle (R.E.); Sgt. Skiggs (HQ 1 2nd K.O.S.B.) (Captain), L/Cpl. Morgan (R.A.O.C.); Pte. McKnight (HQ 2nd K.O.S.B.); Pte. Hart (A Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.); Pte. Stock (D Coy. 2nd K.O.S.B.); Sgt. Leach (31st H Bty. R.A.); Gnr. Wilson (20th H Bty. R.A.); Pte. Wilson (R.A.M.C.).

Gloucester Regatta has been fixed to take place on Saturday, July 28.

Dirt track motor-cycle racing is to be introduced to Wales. A course has been acquired at Caerphilly, with a natural embankment capable of accommodating thousands of spectators.

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Leicester 1, Huddersfield 2.
Liverpool 2, Tottenham 0.
Preston 0, Newcastle 1.
Sheffield U. 2, Blackburn 3.
Sunderland 2, Wednesday 3.
West Ham 3, Birmingham 3.

Division II.
Barnsley 2, Blackpool 1.
Fulham 1, Reading 0.
Hull 1, Notts County 1.
Leeds 0, Bristol 0.
Manchester C. 6, Southampton 1.
Notts. Forest 0, Stoke 2.
Port Vale 0, Clapton 0.
Preston 1, Oldham 1.
St. Shields 2, West Brom. 3.
Swansea 3, Grimsby 2.
Wolves 1, Chelsea 2.

Division III (South).
Bristol R. 1, Luton 2.
Charlton 3, Brentford 2.
Coventry 2, Norwich 2.
Gillingham 4, Torquay 1.
Merthyr 2, Crystal Pal. 2.
Newport 4, Northants 1.
Plymouth 0, Millwall 0.
Queen's P.R. 5, Brighton 0.
Swindon 0, Southend 1.
Walsall 5, Exeter 1.
Watford 2, Bournemouth 0.

Division III (North).
Accrington 1, Stockport 0.
Aldershot 6, Rotherham 0.
Bradford 2, Wrexham 0.
Crewe 0, Southport 1.
Darlington 1, Rochdale 0.
Doncaster 4, Nelson 2.
Halifax 3, Durham 1.
Hartlepool 2, Tranmere 0.
Lincoln 2, Bradford 0.
New Brighton 3, Chesterfield 3.
Wigan 1, Barrow 0.

Scottish League.
Bo'ness 1, Rangers 1. —Reuter.

LEAGUE TABLES.

Division I.	P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.
Everton	41 20 12 9 99 63 52
Huddersfield	39 21 7 11 87 63 49
Leicester	41 17 12 12 90 72 46
Derby	41 17 10 14 95 81 44
Bolton	41 16 10 15 80 55 42
Bury	41 19 4 18 79 80 42
Cardiff	41 16 10 15 67 78 42
Aston Villa	40 15 16 9 75 71 41
Newcastle	41 14 13 14 76 80 41
Blackburn	40 16 9 16 68 71 41
Liverpool	40 13 12 16 83 81 39
Arsenal	40 13 14 14 83 81 39
West Ham	41 11 16 14 85 85 39
Birmingham	41 12 15 14 68 74 39
Burnley	41 15 7 18 80 95 39
Fulham	41 16 7 18 85 86 39
Middlesbrough	41 15 15 11 74 86 38
Sunderland	41 14 9 18 71 76 37
Sheffield U.	40 14 9 17 77 85 37
Manchester U.	41 15 7 19 69 79 37
Wednesday	40 12 12 16 78 77 36

Division II.	P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.
Leeds	41 25 7 9 97 44 57
Chelsea	41 23 8 10 74 64 54
Preston N.E.	41 21 9 11 94 62 51
Stoke	41 21 8 12 73 58 50
Swansea	40 21 7 12 62 52 49
West Brom.	41 17 11 13 66 56 49
Oldham	41 18 8 15 70 61 44
Port Vale	41 18 7 16 68 67 43
Notts. Forest	41 15 10 16 82 83 40
Grimsby	41 14 12 15 65 77 40
Hull	41 12 15 14 41 49 39
Bristol C.	41 12 15 14 41 49 39
Barnsley	41 13 11 17 63 84 37
Notts. County	41 12 12 17 66 90 34
Wolves	40 13 8 19 62 90 34
Reading	41 11 12 18 53 75 34
Southampton	41 11 7 21 69 76 33
Fulham	41 11 11 19 68 76 33
Clapton	41 11 11 19 68 76 33
Blackpool	41 12 8 21 79 101 32
St. Shields	41 7 8 26 59 110 22

Division III (South).	P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.
Millwall	40 29 5 6 126 48 63
Northants	41 22 9 10 101 63 63
Plymouth	40 21 7 12 62 52 49
Crystal Pal.	41 18 12 11 79 70 48
Swindon	39 18 8 12 65 60 46
Brighton	41 18 10 13 77 68 46
Newport	41 18 9 14 81 78 45
Southend	41 19 6 16 77 63 44
Exeter	41 12 12 17 68 80 44
Queen's P.R.	42 17 12 13 75 68 41
Brentford	42 17 7 18 79 74 41
Charlton	40 14 13 13 58 67 41
Bournemouth	42 13 12 17 72 77 38
Luton	40 15 7 18 62 83 37
Gillingham	40 13 10 17 59 76 36
Stockport	40 13 9 18 62 74 35
Watford	39 9 14 18 64 70 32
Walsall	41 14 4 23 67 92 32
Wrexham	42 12 8 22 75 104 32
Merthyr	41 9 13 19 53 90 31
Coventry	40 11 8 21 64 88 30
Torquay	40 8 12 20 50 103 28

Division III (North).	P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.
Bradford	41 25 9 7 106 44 59
Lincoln	41 24 6 11 89 62 54
Tranmere	40 22 8 10 101 65 52
Doncaster	40 22 7 11 89 61 51
Stockport	41 21 7 11 84 65 51
Bradford C.	41 12 12 17 68 85 46
Darlington	41 21 5 16 68 71 47
Southport	42 21 4 17 69 68 46
Accrington	40 18 8 14 74 72 44
New Brighton	41 14 14 13 71 69 42
Halifax	41 13 15 13 75 69 40
Wrexham	41 13 10 18 74 100 34
Rochdale	40 15 7 18 70 75 37
Rotherham	41 13 11 17 62 69 37
Hartlepool	40 16 9 19 67 87 37
Crewe	41 12 10 19 70 81 34
Chesterfield	41 12 10 19 70 81 34
Aldershot	41 11 10 20 74 100 34
Wigan	41 10 9 22 52 94 31
Barrow	41 9 11 21 53 103 29
Durham	41 10 7 24 47 98 26
Nelson	41 10 5 26 78 138 26

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CRICKET.

HANCOCK'S XI DEFEATED BY PEARCE'S TEAM.

SATURDAY'S TRIAL.

T. E. Pearce's XI defeated H. R. B. Hancock's team by three wickets in the Interport cricket trial on the Hong Kong C.C. ground on Saturday.

Scoring was deplorably slow when the losing side were at the wicket—93 runs being made in the first two hours of play. Braco and Quick were the only batsmen who showed any enterprise. The former, after making 27 appeared well set when he was, brilliantly taken by Vallaek (c & b). Quick (30) was on the point of retiring when he put up an essay one to Madar at mid-off. Wales (3 for 44) and Parker (3 for 29) bore the brunt of the attack, the latter keeping a good length throughout.

With three men run out in fairly quick succession it looked as if Pearce's side would not be able to overtake their opponents' comparatively small total. Six wickets had fallen for 60 runs when Pearce became associated with Shaw. This pair took the score to 153, Shaw playing a delightful innings for 66 not out. Pearce, after knocking up 42, got out to the last ball of the day. Scores:—

Mr. Hancock's XI.

A. W. Hayward, c Vallaek, b Parker	20
W. Braco, c & b Vallaek	27
A. W. Ramsay, c Wales, b Madar	12
Rev. E. K. Quick, c Madar, b Goodwin	30
Capt. N. Thorp, b Goodwin	4
Lt. A. H. Mussen, c Mitchell, b Wales	1
G. R. Sayer, c Fincher, b Wales	8
H. R. B. Hancock, not out	13
K. H. Batger, c & b Wales	0
H. Owen-Hughes, c Shaw, b Parker	10
S. Jex, c Pearce, b Parker	1
Extras	10
Total	136

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Wales	16	3	44
Parker	13	5	29
Goodwin	13	2	31
Vallaek	5	0	14
Madar	6	1	8

Mr. Pearce's XI.

E. C. Fincher, run out	4
E. J. R. Mitchell, c Owen-Hughes, b Braco	12
C. D. Wales, run out	5
Lt. Comdr. A. P. Shaw, not out	66
H. V. Parker, b Braco	2
F. Goodwin, run out	1
A. H. Madar, c Jex, b Owen-Hughes	14
T. E. Pearce, c Hancock, b Braco	42
Extras	17
Total (for 7 wks.)	153

G. R. Vallaek, S. A. Ismail, S. J. Jordain did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Braco	10	3	23
Thorp	5	1	9
Owen-Hughes	7	1	26
Mussen	8	0	37
Quick	2	0	14
Ramsay	3	0	27

Apologies the Interport cricket trials, it has been noticed and re-mentioned that W. C. Hunt, the Chinese R.C. all-rounder, appears to have been overlooked. Hunt has played for the Combined League on several occasions this season and has done well with both bat and ball. Instead of including several players who cannot have a claim to anywhere near interport standard, one is tempted to ask the Selection Committee, "why not look further afield?" Surely, the University League champions, will be glad to furnish players who will be much more capable of giving better practice to the Hong Kong Probables.

Scottish League.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rangers	35	26	8	4	100	35	60
Motherwell	38	23	9	6	92	46	55
Celtic	38	22	9	7	91	41	53
Hearts	38	20	7	11	80	54	47
St. Mirren	38	19	8	11	79	74	46
Aberdeen	38	19	5	14	71	80	43
Kilmarnock	38	17	7	14	82	67	41
Dundee	38	15	10	13	68	73	40
Greenock	38	16	7	15	68	87	39
St. Johnstone	38	16	5	17	76	68	38
Hibernians	38	13	9	16	73	75	35
Airdrieonians	38	12	11	15	60	69	35
Dunfermline	38	14	6	18	64	80	34
Dundee	38	10	11	17	46	72	31
Queen's P.	38	12	6	20	69	81	30
Hamilton	38	12	5	21	67	85	29
Rathfriland	38	11	7	20	59	89	28
Bo'ness	38	9	9	20	46	88	28
Dunfermline	38	4	20	11	123	12	1

Amateur International.

London, Yesterday.

The amateur soccer match between Scotland and England was played at Glasgow today in glorious weather before a crowd of 20,000. Scotland beat England by 2-0. Scotland's goal was scored by Rob Roy, a Scottish junior club.

LAWN TENNIS.

JAPAN DEFEATS CUBA AT HAVANA.

DAVIS CUP COMPETITION.

Havana, Yesterday.

Japan has eliminated Cuba in the Davis Cup competition.—Reuter's American Service.



Rowland B. Haines, of the Columbia University Club, who retained the national amateur squash tennis title by defeating E. O'Connor, of the Crescent A. C., in the shortest championship match on record. Haines has now gained two legs on the trophy—one more championship victory will give him the prize.

RECORD GOLF.

COMPSTON'S AMAZING FIGURES.

HAGEN WITHOUT PRACTICE.


London, Saturday.

Archie Compston (Britain) won the 72-hole golf challenge match against Walter Hagen (America) for the world's match play title by 18 up and 17 to play.

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FASHIONS AND FANCIES

THE ELEGANCE OF FURS.

SOUTHERN CLOTHES AND ACCESSORIES.



Rich Pelts Designed Along Smartly
Simple Lines Create the Winter's
Favourite Wraps.

Even though spring be on its way and Paris openings show an abundance of spring styles, still there is bound to be interest in the things that are being worn. Just now when furs are at their lowest ebb in price, the smart shops are showing rare bargains in the more expensive pelts. Evening wraps are always sensible as well as beautiful in fur. There is a warmth as well as richness of beauty that makes them peculiarly desirable.

This season has stressed the conservative line in wraps. The elaborate mode of past seasons has been absent and in its place a style of extreme simplicity that manages to display the beauty of the pelts has been developed.

Lovely furs for evening—chinchilla, ermine, mink—these three perhaps best express the richness of the formal mode. The chinchilla coat is the utmost achievement in elegance for evening. The smartest silhouette of the season is seen in the chinchilla coat. It possesses the long collar that frames the face, the deep armhole and the slim neckline. The designing of the coat shows the pelts displayed in artistic arrangements.

Dark eastern mink remains a criterion of luxury. It possesses the feature of being able to appear both in the daytime and night in one model. It is cut this season on straight lines with the deep shawl collar.

Ermine in both wrap and coat outlines reveals a simple silhouette. It is equally stunning with self trimming or when combined with mink, sable, black or white fox. Ermine dyed beige, too, is lovely with fur combinations or alone.

Dorothy Mackall has occasion to wear a luxurious chinchilla coat in First National's "The Crystal Cup." Miss Mackall's coat is cut along conservatively smart and simple lines.

FROM PARIS.

Robe De Style—New Mode.

Paris—In her present collection, Mme. Charlotte has accomplished something which other designers have attempted and failed to do. She has created a robe de style which is becoming and wearable for the older woman (provided she be not too adipose) as well as for the debutante. A number of these are shown in taffeta and tulle and satin, and satin combined with tulle, which are not only delightful to look at but practical as well. The skirts are



Unusual Handbags, Shoes, Parasols and Scarfs
Accompany Interesting Ensembles.

Marla Corda, off on a vacation after completing the role of Helen in the First National Picture, "The Private Life of Helen of Troy," appears here wearing a costume particularly suitable to southern scenes. It is a charming black and white ensemble, including a sports coat of new lines and chic inspiration. It is made of white silk basketcloth and has a chiffon lining over crepe—a new item in southern styles. The coat, of slenderizing lines, possesses a feature of distinction in its one patch pocket. As usual hats worn in the south are large except for sports purposes. Miss Corda's hat is of picture lines and is made of white horsehair. Black accessories complete a most interesting ensemble.

Handbags, always an item of interest, are made to appear entirely different at southern resorts. Handbags have a habit of attempting to match hat or shoes. There are pastel antelope pouches and envelopes, there are straw bags of all shades and weaves to match shoes—or hat—glazed lizard bags, Normandy quilted petticoat bags, and pleated silk bags of all sorts of exotic designs. Indeed, there is a bag of pastel silk, too, to match the crepe de chine shoes.

The crepe de chine shoe, by the way, in all its delicate pastel ap-

pearance is quite the latest whim of fashion. It appears in plain little models or has the toe of its pump embroidered in contrasting shades. Shantung silks, too, are used in beige tones. Raffia shoes are seen. Pastel moire shoes are seen in the afternoon. Glazed lizard in all the delicate tones are fashionable. Indeed, it is the day of the unusual shoe both in design and material. Almost anything other than leather is used to create the southern shoe. Printed linens and cretonnes are also used. Lace, brocade and plain satin are used extensively in the evening mode.

Parasols are of course an essential of beach life. They appear in either very large or very small sizes. Painted raffia continues a successful material. Taffeta parasols appliqued with chenille flowers are extremely good looking. Printed linens are of course again in evidence. The object of the parasols, of course, is to match the costume, and all fabrics are to be found. Scarfs are again at the top of their vogue. Squares, triangles and long winding scarfs are seen in all materials and prints and in all shades. They have a most important place in the mode and the ingenuity of designers has seen to it that each costume is fittingly matched with a scarf.

bouffant, but a bit modified as to crinoline and are usually composed of two or three flounces while the bodice is plain and semi-fitting either with a deep V at the front and back or cut straight across the neck with narrow shoulder straps. One very attractive and original design has a tight bodice of satin which extends in a deep point in the front which reaches quite to the knee-line with four or five narrow ruffles of tulle extending from either side and around the back. There are also evening frocks in satin, lace or chiffon in more modern design. One of these in

bright yellow satin cut on beautiful lines with long straight points at either side of the skirt and a choux of the satin on one side, is worn with a black velvet coat with yellow fox collar and cuffs which is lined with velvet in the same shade.

The afternoon frocks designed by Mme. Charlotte are always distinctive and essentially "lady-like." Of black crepe de chine, crepe satin or georgette with a touch of pale blue or pink at the neck or wrists or in the facing of a jabot, these are practical and truly Parisian. Very little embroidery or beading is used

on the models in this collection but the effects are gained by handwork in the form of fagotting, hem-stitching and fine tucking. Passementerie is also used in narrow bands which are often in the form of a braid which is like "rickrack." This is used at the edges of flounces, bias bands and bolero jackets.

The collection also includes several costumes for the motor trip or ocean voyage, one of which is especially attractive, consisted of a roomy coat of heavy beige wool lined with bright yellow which shows in the turned down collar and worn with a frock of bright yellow kasha, made very simply with a narrow belt of the same material. There are also charming ensembles consisting of a long coat of navy-blue or black crepe de chine or silk poplin worn with a frock of figured crepe de chine or a light coloured georgette or crepe satin. All in all, this is a delightful collection.

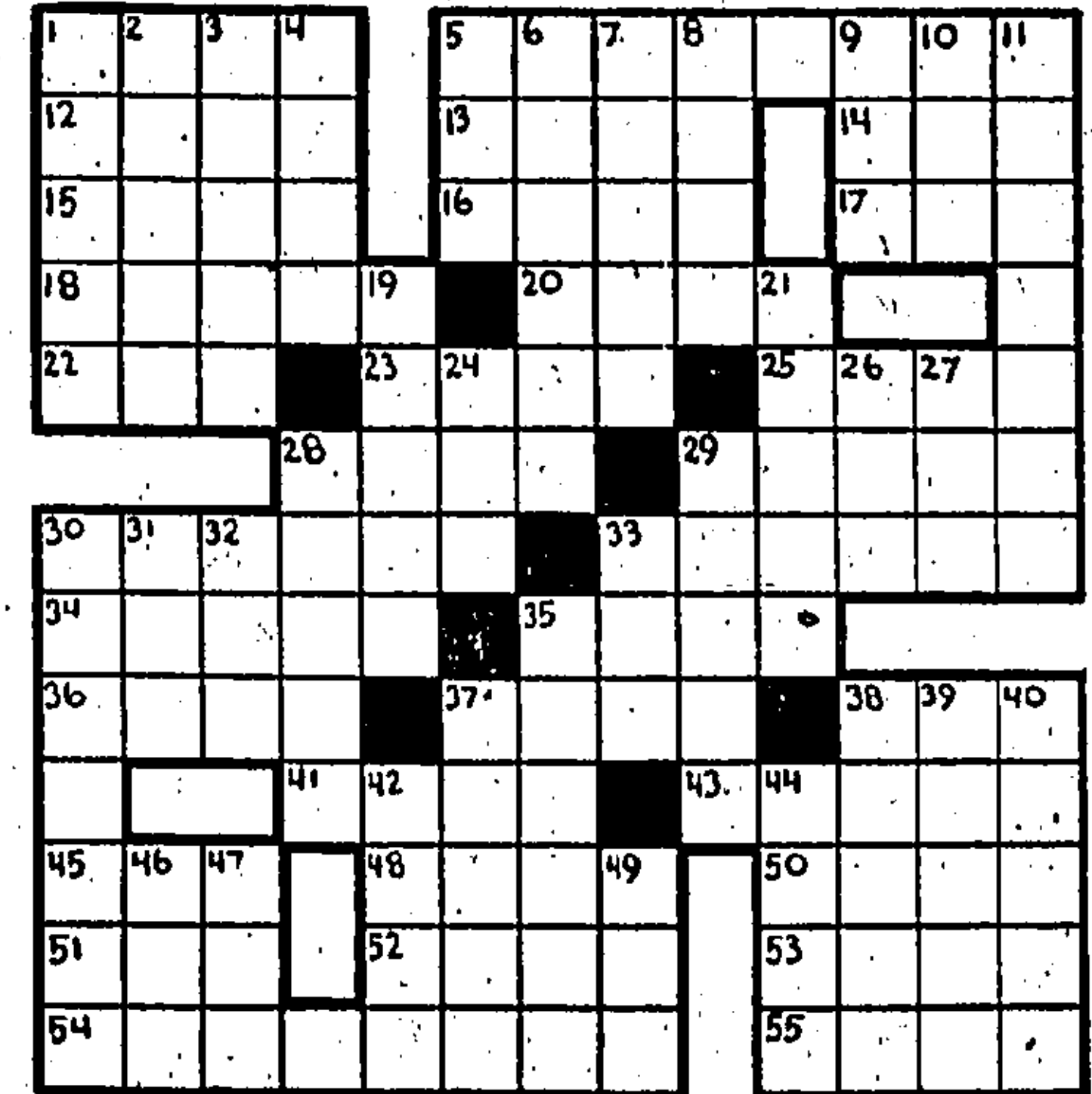
Mme. Watazzi's summer collection is distinguished by its extreme elegance, simplicity of line and richness of material. This house never offends the eye by clashing colours, startling innovations or by garments which may be attractive upon first glance, but which prove impractical and unwearable on closer examination. Complete harmony between colour and material is prevalent, and when more than one colour is used for a garment, they inevitably blend.

Mme. Watazzi also makes a point of employing no heavy material. She shows several very light weight laces, some satins, but many more chiffons and georgettes, often combined with net or tulle, for semi-formal and evening wear.

For her sports costumes she makes use of no particular range of colours, but they are always

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



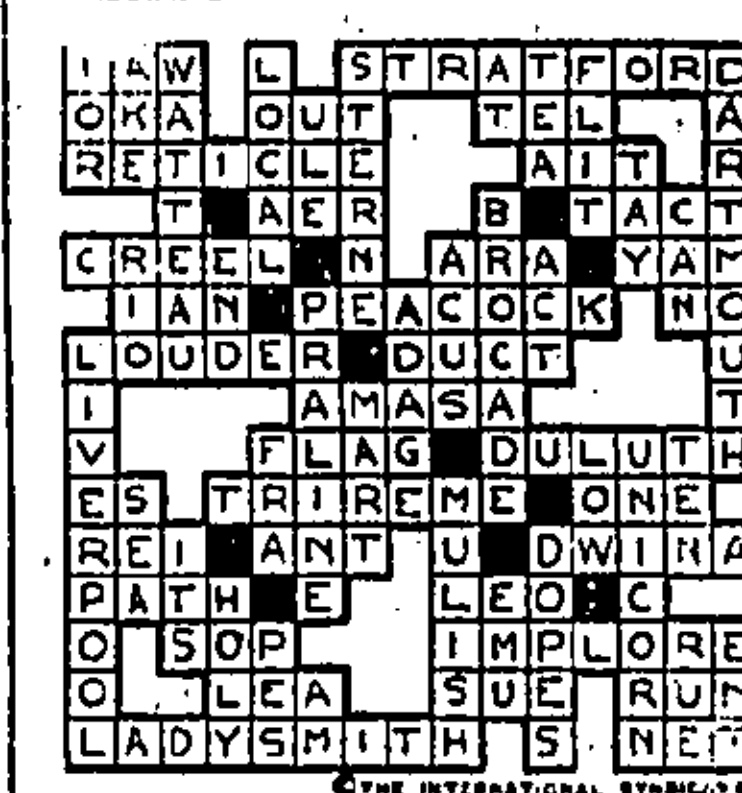
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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Marry | 41-Eyes | 21-Slope |
| 2-Shout | 42-Evil one | 22-Consumed |
| 3-Angered | 43-Opening | 23-Liable |
| 4-To coil into a ball | 44-Small particle | 24-Content |
| 5-Sings | 45-Prize | 25-Placid |
| 6-Land | 46-Before | 26-Weed (pl.) |
| 7-Deserve | 47-Poom (pl.) | 27-Box with perforated lid (pl.) |
| 8-Female sheep | 48-Otherwise | 28-Part of the head |
| 9-Test | 49-Beginners | 29-Female relative (familiar) |
| 10-Employ | 50-Perceive | 30-Pot container |
| 11-Formerly | | 31-Near relative |
| 12-Idleness | VERTICAL | 32-Old |
| 13-Molten rock | 1-Italian city | 33-Mountain range of S. America |
| 14-Head | 2-Boared | 34-Holy gathering |
| 15-Animal with flexible proboscis | 3-Enter | 35-Liquor (pl.) |
| 16-Cover | 4-Girl's name | 36-Knock |
| 17-Breathed hard | 5-Famous aviator | 37-Leguminous plant |
| 18-Pours | 6-Group of words | 38-Mule |
| 19-Kind | 7-Swear | |
| 20-Formerly | 8-Unaspirated | |
| 21-Military assistant | 9-Amer | |
| 22-Mineral spring | 10-Cat call | |
| | 11-Ship officer | |
| | 12-Period of time (pl.) | |

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION.



HONGKONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
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The Eyrie	1725
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Tai Koo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (filterbeds)	297
Mainland.	
Taimoshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

soft, fresh and extremely wearable. Much black and navy blue is seen for afternoon and street dresses, and a great deal of black for more formal gowns.

Very little embroidery of beading and few flowers are shown. Sometimes, discreet, jewelled buckles are seen on belts or as a finishing to a side drapey.

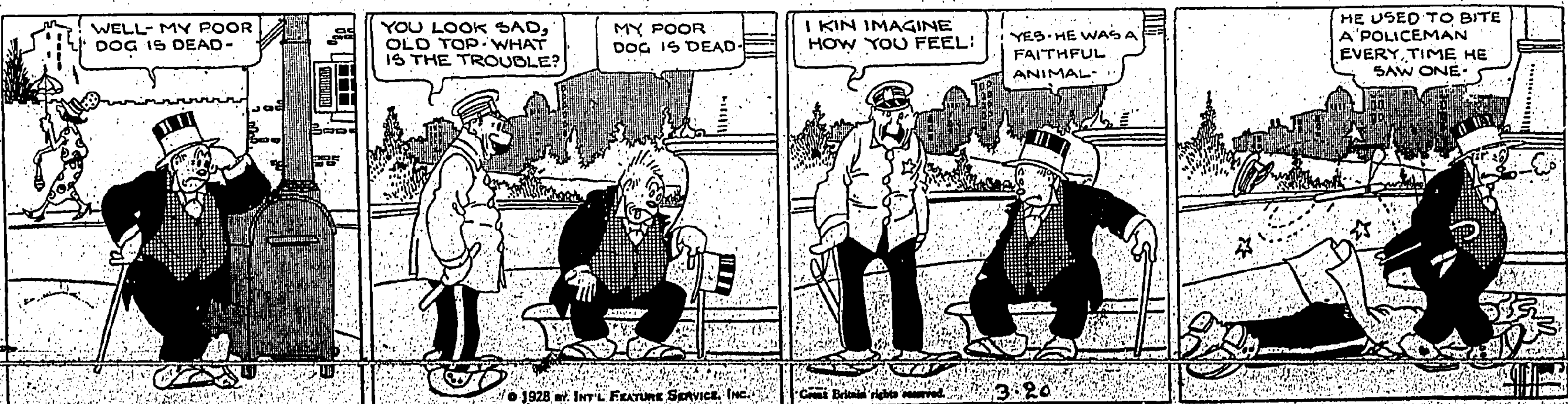
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LAWN BOWLS.

RECREIO ENTERS 2 TEAMS IN SECOND DIVISION.

SEASON'S FIXTURES.

An extra entry in the second division provided by the Club de Recreio is the feature of the local Lawn Bowls League which commences its season this Saturday, May 5.

All the Clubs which competed last year are again represented, the entries received being seven teams in the first and nine in the second division.

The official fixtures extend to Sept. 1 with no provision made for bad weather, but postponed matches will be re-arranged by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. J. Tatchell.

First Division.

May 5: Kowloon C.C. v. Civil Service C.C.
Kowloon B.G.C. v. Craigen-gower C.C.
Kowloon Docks R.C. v. Police R.C.
F. Tai-koo R.C. 1st v. Tai-koo R.C. 2nd.

May 12: Civil Service C.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C.
Craigen-gower C.C. v. Kowloon Docks R.C.
Police R.C. v. Tai-koo R.C.
F. Kowloon C.C. 1st v. Civil Service C.C. 2nd.

May 19: Kowloon C.C. v. Police R.C.
Kowloon Docks R.C. v. Civil Service C.C.
Tai-koo R.C. v. Craigen-gower C.C.

May 26: Civil Service C.C. v. Tai-koo R.C.
Police R.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C.
Craigen-gower C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.
F. Kowloon Docks R.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C. 2nd.

June 2: Kowloon C.C. v. Kowloon Docks R.C.
Civil Service C.C. v. Police R.C.
Kowloon B.G.C. v. Tai-koo R.C.
F. Club de Recreio "A" v. Craigen-gower C.C. 1st.

June 9: Craigen-gower C.C. v. Civil Service C.C.
Kowloon Docks R.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C.
Tai-koo R.C. v. Kowloon C.C.
F. Police R.C. v. Kowloon C.C. 2nd.

June 16: Police R.C. v. Craigen-gower C.C.
Kowloon C.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C.
Kowloon Docks R.C. v. Tai-koo R.C.
F. Civil Service C.C. 1st v. Royal H.K.Y.C.

June 23: Civil Service C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.
Craigen-gower C.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C.
Police R.C. v. Kowloon Docks R.C.
F. Tai-koo R.C. 1st v. Club de Recreio "B".

June 30: Kowloon B.G.C. v. Civil Service C.C.
Kowloon Docks R.C. v. Craigen-gower C.C.
Tai-koo R.C. v. Police R.C.
F. Kowloon C.C. 1st v. East Point R.C.

July 7: Police R.C. v. Kowloon C.C.
Civil Service C.C. v. Kowloon Docks R.C.
Craigen-gower C.C. v. Tai-koo R.C.
F. Tai-koo R.C. 2nd v. Kowloon B.G.C. 1st.

June 14: Tai-koo R.C. v. Civil Service C.C.
Kowloon B.G.C. v. Police R.C.
Kowloon C.C. v. Craigen-gower C.C.
F. Kowloon B.G.C. 2nd v. Kowloon Docks R.C.

July 21: Civil Service C.C. v. Craigen-gower C.C.
Kowloon B.G.C. v. Kowloon Docks R.C.
Kowloon C.C. v. Tai-koo R.C.
F. Kowloon C.C. 2nd v. Police R.C.

July 28: Kowloon Docks R.C. v. Kowloon C.C.
Police R.C. v. Civil Service C.C.
Tai-koo R.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C.
F. Craigen-gower C.C. 1st v. Club de Recreio "A".

Aug. 4: Craigen-gower C.C. v. Police R.C.
Kowloon B.G.C. v. Kowloon C.C.
Tai-koo R.C. v. Kowloon Docks R.C.
F. Royal H.K.Y.C. v. Civil Service C.C. 1st.

CLOSING CRUISE.

THE YACHT CLUB REGATTA.

VARIED EVENTS.

Pride of place in all three rowing events in which they competed was gained by the representatives of the 2nd Batt. Scots Guards at Saturday's closing cruise of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

To quote Mr. A. L. Shields, the Club Commodore, there was a good turn-out, there was good water for rowing, some excellent racing, and fast times recorded by the yachts.

A feature of the day was the participation of the Very Rev. A. Swann, M.C., the Dean, at very short notice. He is an old Cambridge rowing Blue.

The Clubhouse at North Point was appropriately decorated for the occasion as in former years. Bunting hung over the entrance. Tables for tea were laid out on the lawn and seats provided to watch the day's sport. The Club cruisers dressed ship and took up positions at the eastern approach to the bay. A fleet of steam launches and Naval craft followed the rowing events.

H.E. the General Officer Commanding (Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.) was present and Mrs. and Miss Luard. Others noticed were Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., R.N., and Mrs. Pearson, the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. L. Mrs. and Miss Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Lewis.

Navy's Appreciation.

The Senior Service was represented in force, there being a large turn-out for events for the Royal Navy. Special accommodation and refreshments were provided for the men, these being highly appreciated.

All responsible for the programme carried out their arduous duties to the satisfaction of all; and there was a large number of guests, including ladies, to be attended to.

At the conclusion of the racing, Mr. Shields addressed the gathering.

Commodore's Speech.

There was a good turn-out, Mr. Shields said, with good water for rowing, excellent racing and fast times by the yachts.

"Before the presentation of the prizes, I wish to refer briefly to the Club's activities during the season," Mr. Shields continued. "The usual series of Championship Races has been held and you will find the results in the prize list printed in the programme. Sailing conditions have been fairly good but the Cruiser Classes were unfortunate in having light weather on several occasions necessitating re-sails.

Service Teams.

"We have had some very good team racing on Sundays with the following results:—

"Club v. Royal Navy, won by Club, 270 points to 260.

"The officers and ship's company of the flagship of the First Cruiser Squadron presented a handsome cup on their departure from these waters. This has been named the 'Frobisher' Cup and becomes a Challenge Cup for these annual matches with the Royal Navy.

"We have had two matches with Army teams resulting in a win for each side but the Club leads on the aggregate by 29 points.

Ladies and Corinthians. "The Club team, contrary to their usual custom, defeated the ladies by a comfortable margin, but the ladies are unfortunate in having two boats out of action in the morning race.

"St. Andrew's Society v. St. George's Society, was won by St. Andrew's by 82 points to 72 points.

"In the match between a Club team and Flag Officers Past and Present, the veterans, after a tie in the morning race, won by 23 points in the afternoon, thereby disproving the 'too old at forty' theory when applied to Corinthians. (Applause.)

August 4: Civil Service C.C. v. Craigen-gower C.C.
East Point R.C. v. Tai-koo R.C.
Kowloon C.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C.
Club de Recreio "A" v. Club de Recreio "B".

August 11: Craigen-gower C.C. v. East Point R.C.
Club de Recreio "A" v. Kowloon B.G.C.
Civil Service C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.
Tai-koo R.C. v. Royal H.K.Y.C.

August 18: Club de Recreio "B" v. Civil Service C.C.
Kowloon B.G.C. v. East Point R.C.
Kowloon C.C. v. Royal H.K.Y.C.
Tai-koo R.C. v. Club de Recreio "A".

September 1: Craigen-gower C.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C.
Kowloon C.C. v. Club de Recreio "A".
Club de Recreio "B" v. Tai-koo R.C.

East Point R.C. v. Royal H.K.Y.C.
Note: Matches marked F show the clubs disengaged in the League on dates marked. Friendly matches may be played as indicated, if so.

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Ladies' Championship.

The ladies competing in the Ladies' Championship again presented a cup for race for the Handicap, One Design, Heyward Hays and Gael Classes, and this was won by Mr. Fox in "Boojum," "La Linda" was second and "Diana" third.

The Macao race for the "Potts" Challenge Cup took place during the Christmas holidays. The weather was variable with mostly light winds and the winner was our Rear-Commodore, Mr. Rouse in "U and I," "Snipe" was second and "Curlew" third.

"There have been practically no additions to the Club fleet during the year but we hope more prosperous conditions in the Colony will ensure more keels being laid. We have arranged for building and supervised the construction of boats for the Royal Singapore Yacht Club, the Port Dickson Yacht Club and others, showing that our local builders turn out good work at competitive prices.

The Dean Joins. "The Rowing Section has been active during the winter and we regret the departure of our popular Rowing Captain, Mr. R. M. Jack, just before this Regatta, for which he has worked so hard. (Hear, hear.)

"The Very Revd. Dean Swann has just joined the Club and rowed in the Pairs to-day at very short notice. He has had much experience and has a splendid record as an oarsman. His active interest in the Rowing Section will give members a fine opportunity to improve their knowledge of oarsmanship which I hope will be taken advantage of.

"The annual race for the Hornell Cup was rowed on January 19 and was won by the Hong Kong Electric Co.'s crew; Butterfield and Swire were second.

German Friends Welcomed. Reviewing the day's results, Mr. Shields remarked that the rowing had been very interesting. He congratulated the Scots Guards on their excellent showing (Applause and hear, hear) in a tremendous effort in three races with a very short interval in between.

Mr. Shields congratulated Messrs. A. Schmidt, G. Dheyle and H. Von Barby on their victory in the Club senior pairs race, adding he was pleased to see their German friends returning to the Club after not competing for many years (since the War). He was very glad to see them back as they were all good sportsmen and very thorough in everything they undertake.

Lawn Bowls Match. The Peak Club, which had a newly-formed lawn bowls section, had sent down a team which had defeated the Yacht Club (Applause). Mr. Shields suggested that there would be many pleasant games between the two clubs.

In conclusion, Mr. Shields thanked the officials and sub-committee for their attendance to the many details.

One of the Naval contingent present then called for a "great big clap for the speaker," meeting with immediate response.

Mrs. Shields then distributed the prizes which had been set out on a large table, making an imposing collection of silver and other trophies.

Miss Gillingham was deputed to present Mrs. Shields with a bouquet tied in the Club's colours and the little girl was, in turn, presented with a box of chocolates also tied in the Club's colours.

The calling of cheers brought a remarkably successful regatta to a close.

DAY'S WINNERS.

Closing Day Events and the Results.

The Hornell Cup for Hong fours had been won by the Hong Kong Electric Co.'s team earlier in the season.

Results of Saturday's events were as follows:—

"4th Submarine Flotilla" Cup for Hong and Service unit fours, one mile:—

1st: 2nd Batt. Scots Guards.
2nd: R.H.K. Yacht Club.

Row: W. Wynne Finch 162
No. 2: A. D. Crabbe 166
No. 3: W. T. Lindesay 185
Stroke: J. W. Treadwell 168

2nd: Butterfield & Swire.
Row: J. D. H. Crawford 170
No. 2: R. J. Carter 178
No. 3: A. E. Johnson 170
Stroke: O. Moor 164

Cox: I. E. L. Mackay 130
3rd: Hong Kong Electric Co.
Row: R. W. Smith 160
No. 2: M. H. Arnold 165
No. 3: G. T. Padgett 182
Stroke: G. G. Stopani-Thomas 163

Cox: F. Norrington 114
4th: H.M.S. "Titania".
Row: G. M. E. Grove 152
No. 2: G. C. Phillip 175
No. 3: G. H. Nowell 150

Stroke: W. R. Fell 136
Cox: H. C. Daines 119
The Scots Guards won by three to one.

separated second and third and the same distance, was between third and fourth. The finish was characteristic of an exciting race even though the military were hot favourites and won with ease. From the start, the soldiers settled down to a slow, steady, long stroke, rowing about 28 to the minute, a rate which they maintained to the end; no spurt was put on by the winners who were obviously saving themselves for other events in the programme.

Butterfield & Swire were second but were nearly caught by the other two which kept company most of the way to finish with a strong burst. First of all, the Electric looked like overhauling B. & S. and then the Naval boat also came along nicely, but B. & S. just managed to take second place. All four crews received a deserved reception after the race.

About a dozen launches with spectators on board watched the whole course to the finish at the mark-boats outside the Club.

Race for Submarine "Berthon" boats manned by Naval ratings:—

1st: L 19, 2nd: L 33, 3rd L 27. Each boat was rowed by two men with a cox. L 19 won by several lengths and L 33 was a good second. L 27 just beat L 15 for third place and L 20 were fifth.

"Stock Exchange" Cup for Club v. Service fours, distance one mile:—

1st: The Army (who were represented by the 2nd/Scots Guards crew in the first race).
2nd: The R.H.K. Yacht Club.

Row: G. Dheyle 157
No. 2: O. Moor 162
No. 3: J. R. L. Stanton 180
Stroke: G. G. Stopani-Thomas 133

Cox: I. E. L. Mackay 130
Won by two lengths. To make their victory all the more meritorious, the Guardsmen lost their rudder while going out to the starting point and the cox steered with his hands throughout.

In contrast to the first race, the soldiers rowed 32 to the minute with a long stroke. The Club were going only 27 to the minute but moving along nicely. At the 1/4 mile, the Army had forged ahead by half a length. They were just a length in front at the 1/2 mile and the lead had been increased at the 3/4 mile mark. The Club crew stuck on gamely and were not disgraced to lose by two lengths to a better-trained team.

Race for Naval whalers manned by Naval ratings, one mile:—

1st: H. M. S. "Titania".
2nd: H. M. S. "Wild Swan".
3rd: H. M. S. "Foxglove".

Next, in order of finishing, were H.M.S. "Bruce", 4th Submarine Flotilla, H.M.S. "Wetherington", H.M.S. "Wishart", H.M.S. "Wolverine", H.M.S. "Veteran", H.M.S. "Petersfield", H.M.S. "Durban", H.M.S. "Berwick".

Each boat had five oars and a cox. The "Titania" whaler won very easily. The "Wild Swan" had a thrilling tussle with "Foxglove", being less than a length in front through the last stretch, and finishing on the inside of the inshore markboat, the "Bruce" and the Submarine boats were also close up.

"Percy Smith" Challenge Cup for senior pairs, 1/4 miles:—

1st: A. Schmidt 157
Stroke: G. Dheyle 148
Cox: H. Von Barby 130

2nd: R. W. Smith 150
Stroke: G. G. Stopani-Thomas 163
Cox: F. Norrington 114

Won by a 1 1/2 lengths. This was another excellent race, just as good as any of the two "big events." Stopani-Thomas was rowing for the third time; Smith and Dheyle for the second. Both pairs gave of their best but the Germans steadily asserted themselves and won in convincing fashion.

"Murdoch-Kennett" Cup for Club v. Services pairs, 1/4 mile:—

1st: The Army.
Row: W. T. Lindesay 155
Stroke: J. W. Treadwell 168
Cox: E. T. Warner.

2nd: R.H.K. Yacht Club.
Row: J. R. L. Stanton 180
Stroke: A. Swann 177
Cox: I. E. L. Mackay 180

This was a beautiful race which the Scots Guards won, after a powerful final spurt, by two lengths. Less than a quarter of a mile from the finish, the Club pair were still holding on with a remote chance. Dean Swann, who had only four days' practice, gave a very impressive display. Both pairs were obviously distressed when the gun announced the conclusion of the best rowing of the day.

Yacht Races. Combined English and Chinese rigged cruisers—2 miles, start at Murray Pier line, Cust Rock buoy, finish at the Club:—

1st: "Curlew" sailed by Mr. F. J. Easterbrook.
Major J. P. S. Greig and Captain E. H. Jacobs Larkcom.

2nd: "U and I" sailed by Mr. F. G. Vaux.

3rd: "Typhoon," sailed by Mr. F. G. Vaux.

The other competing yachts were "Isis," "Norseman" and "Coquette".

Ladies, in Handicap Class, 4 1/4 miles, start at Club, to mark east of Kowloon Dock Point, Cust Rock gas buoy, markboat on Club-house line, twice round:—

1st: "Dorothea," sailed by Miss Bird.
2nd: "Colleen," sailed by Miss Hazeland.

"Diana" was third. "La Linda" was second in the race but disqualified.

Ladies, in Heyward Hays Class, 4 1/4 miles, same course as for Handicap Class:—

1st: "Why Wonder?", sailed by Mrs. J. L. Adams.
2nd: "Wings," sailed by Mrs. Greig.

Only two starters.

Ladies, in Combined Class for Gaeis and One Designs, 4 1/4 miles, same course as for Heyward Hays Class and sailed at the same time:—

1st: "Halcyon," sailed by Mrs. Fleming.
2nd: "Ailsa," sailed by Mrs. Illagworth.

"Daphne" was third.

All the yachts had to come close to the rowing course and were visible for most of the race, adding variety and interest to the intervals between the other events.

Lawn Bowls Match. A lawn bowls match for silver spoons was played between the Yacht Club and the Peak Club, the latter winning, but the house team won on one rink. Scores:—

R.H.Y.C. Peak Club.
Bontley Cassidy
Downbiggin Davies
Adams (skip) 17 (skip) 12

Greig Carpenter Murdoch Hynes
Shellshear (skip) 14 (skip) 27

Total ... 31 Total ... 39

SEASON'S PRIZES.

Championships and Other Sailing Events.

CHAMPIONSHIPS.

English rigged Cruisers:—1st "Norseman," Messrs. Ryan, Edwards, Shannon and Eldridge; 2nd "Curlew," Major Greig and Capt. Jacobs Larkcom, R.E.; 3rd "U and I," Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rouse.

Chinese rigged Cruisers:—1st "Snipe," Mr. F. J. Easterbrook; 2nd "Imogen," Mr. V. Goulborn. Handicap Class:—1st "Dorothea," Mr. C. E. L. Grist, 2nd "Lola," M. F. D. Tracy, 3rd "Colleen," Messrs. Jack and Stanton.

Heyward Hays Class:—1st "Why Wonder?", Mr. H. S. Rouse. 2nd "Lola," Capt. Payton-Reid. 3rd "Boojum," Mr. G. L. Fox.

Gael and One Design Class:—1st "Daphne," Capt. Le Gros, R.A. 2nd "Joan," Mr. F. O. Sutherland. 3rd "Pierrette," Commander S. Herbert, R.N.

OTHER PRIZES.

Commodore's Cup, Racing Yachts, (presented by Mr. A. L. Shields):—H. and I. Class "Ailsa"—Lt.-Com. Littleton, R.N.;—Y and G. Class "Thecla"—Lt.-Com. Leveson-Gower, R.N.

Commodore's Cup, Cruisers, (presented by Mr. A. L. Shields):—"La Cigale"—Mr. N. Croucher. Vice-Commodore's Cup, Racing Yachts, (presented by Lt.-Col. H. B. Gunn, D.S.O., R.A.):—"La Linda"—Mr. A. L. Shields, "Why Wonder?"—Mr. H. S. Rouse.

Vice-Commodore's Cup, Cruisers, (presented by Lt.-Col. H. B. Gunn, D.S.O., R.A.):—"Snipe"—Mr. F. J. Easterbrook.

Rear-Commodore's Cup, Racing Yachts, (presented by Mr. H. S. Rouse):—"Colleen"—Messrs. Jack and Stanton, "Gael"—Mr. J. E. M. Bland.

Rear-Commodore's Cup, Cruisers, (presented by Mr. H. S. Rouse):—"Coquette"—Messrs. Jensen and Lyster.

"Potts" Challenge Cup for race to Macao:—1st "U and I"—Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rouse. 2nd "Snipe"—Mr. F. J. Easterbrook. 3rd "Curlew"—Major Greig and Capt. Jacobs Larkcom, R.E.

"Tal-Yut" Cup, (presented for Championship winners):—"Dorothea"—Mr. C. E. L. Grist. "Norseman" Cup, (presented by Messrs. Ryan, Edwards, Shannon and Eldridge):—"U and I"—Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rouse.

"Snipe" Cup, (presented by Mr. F. J. Easterbrook):—"Dorothea II"—Messrs. Carter and Kay. "Dorothea" Cup, (presented by Mr. C. E. L. Grist):—"Diana"—Major Miles, R.N. and Capt. Armistage, R.A.

"Why Wonder?" Cup, (presented by Mr. H. S. Rouse):—"Adele"—Lt.-Col. H. B. Gunn, R.A.

"Daphne" Cup, (presented by Capt. Le Gros):—"Pierrette"—Com. S. J. Herbert, R.N.

Ladies' Cup, (presented by Ladies' Championship competitors):—"Boojum"—Mr. G. L. Fox.

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Denison Challenge Cup (for Handicap Class), (presented by Mr. A. Denison):—"Dorothea"—Mr. C. E. L. Grist.

Bellios Challenge Trophy (for Y. Class):—"Boojum"—Mr. F. G. Vaux.

Warren Memorial Trophy (for G. Class):—"Viking"—Capt. D. Mayfield and Mr. M. E. J. Barne.

Consolation Cup, Cruisers, (presented by Mrs. H. S. Rouse):—"Queen Bee"—Capt. E. S. G. Howard, R.A.

Consolation Cup, I. Y. and G. Class, Racing Yachts, (presented by Mrs. H. S. Rouse):—"Halcyon"—Messrs. Fleming and Russell.

Corinthian Cup, Handicap Class, (presented by Mr. N. Croucher):—"Tolia"—Mr. F. D. Tracy.

Corinthian Cup, I. and G. Class, (presented by Mr. H. S. Rouse):—"Thecla"—Lt.-Com. Leveson-Gower, R.N.

Corinthian Cup, Y. Class, (presented by Commodore J. L. Pearson, R.N.):—"Adele"—Lt.-Col. H. B. Gunn, R.A.

"Frobisher" Trophy (for annual competition between Royal Navy and Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, presented by the Captain, Officers and men of H.M.S. "Frobisher"):

Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

Handicap Class:—1st "Colleen," Miss Hazeland. 2nd "Diana," Mrs. Miles.

Combined Class:—1st "Boojum," Miss E. F. N. Lewis. 2nd "Thecla," Mrs. Claridge. 3rd "Wings," Mrs. Greig. 4th "Why Wonder?", Mrs. Adams.

THE OFFICIALS.

Commodore: Mr. A. L. Shields.
Vice-Commodore:

K.F.C. TENNIS.**NEW COURT OPENED ON SATURDAY.****EXHIBITION GAME.**

A large gathering of members of the Kowloon Football Club and their friends gathered at the Club's ground on Saturday afternoon for the ceremony of the opening of their new hard tennis court which has been laid at the rear of the Club house.

The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs. Bond who was accompanied by her husband. Amongst the others present were Mr. and Mrs. R. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Clemo, Mr. and Mrs. C. Atkinson, Mrs. Murphy, Miss T. Murphy, Mr. O. E. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bell, Mr. P. J. Hall, Miss Tolan, Mr. G. Hedley, Mr. A. W. Eastman, Mr. G. B. Slipper, Mr. C. Owen, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. White, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mackintosh, Mr. F. C. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kentes, Mr. T. Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bliss, Miss E. Bliss, Mr. and Mrs. Alkins, Mr. W. E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Millard, Mr. R. Verette, Mr. J. Beach, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Robertson, Mr. E. Shanks and Mr. and Mrs. J. McKelvie.

Tea was served on the grounds during the afternoon.

Mr. R. Hall, President of the Kowloon Football Club, addressed the gathering as follows:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome so large a congregation of friends here to-day to witness the opening ceremony of the Club's new tennis court, and trust you will all have a most enjoyable time.

The new court on this enclosure indicates an advancement in the Club's progress in sporting activities. Up to the present the club has been first and last a Football Club, so that when the football season ended the club had nothing further in the way of sport to offer its members and lady friends. To-day the club is in a position to provide sport all the year round. The start is small but, given reasonable support, the Committee will see that a further court is forthcoming at an early date.

Compliments.

I should like to express the thanks of the Club to Mr. E. Cock, our past President, and his good lady, who are unfortunately not able to be with us this afternoon. Mr. Cock took an active part in the Club's welfare during the initial stages of its existence, and it is largely due to his goodly offices that the Club enjoyed its strong position to-day. The Club owes a debt of gratitude to the Government who have always given a sympathetic ear to our requests from time to time, and it is incumbent upon the members of the Club to show their appreciation of the concession made by utilising such to the fullest.

It is to Messrs. Verette, Beech and Smith that the Club is indebted for the preparation of plans and the supervision of work in connection with the court and fencing arrangement, and we compliment these gentlemen on the gratifying results attained. Arrangements in connection with the opening ceremony were made by Messrs. Clemo and Murphy, to whom credit is given for having done same to so successful an issue.

Chinese Friends.

An exhibition game has been arranged between Messrs. Ho and Yew, and Messrs. Wheeler and Millard, and I feel sure we will all enjoy watching these young giants perform and I take this opportunity of welcoming our Chinese friends to the Club, and thanking them for being so good as to come to the mainland and entertain us.

I wish to thank Mrs. Bond in advance for gracing the proceeding with her presence and officiating in the capacity of opening the court to-day. I have much pleasure in requesting Mrs. Bond to do so.

Court Opened.

Mrs. Bond then walked on to the tennis court with a racket and ball, and after serving the ball across the court, formally declared it open, amid loud applause from those present. Master F. Clemo then presented her with a bouquet in a silver vase.

Mr. Bond then expressed thanks on behalf of his wife for the pleasure accorded her in asking her to perform the opening ceremony. He also thanked the Club for the beautiful vase, and said he was sure it would be one of his wife's most treasured possessions.

Exhibition Game.

Following the opening of the court, a doubles exhibition match arranged by Mr. C. F. Lee of the Chinese Recreation Club, to whom the K.F.C.'s thanks were expressed, was played between Messrs. Ho Ka-lau and Yow Man-kit (C.R.C.) and Messrs. Wheeler and Millard (K.F.C.).

ST. PATRICK'S.**CATHOLIC CLUB CONCERT.****EXCELLENT PROGRAMME.**

There was a good "house" at St. Patrick's Catholic Club on Saturday night when another of the institution's monthly concerts, which are continuously gaining in popularity, was presented.

From the moment one met "Christi" Columbus and "Pecker" Martin, the breezy door attendants, one felt that one was in for a good time, and this impression was more than justified by the programme of entertainment which contained no fewer than 20 excellent items, the variety of which was very gratifying.

Beside the Club's Concert Troupe which comprised Mrs. G. Gilmour, and Messrs. A. Sculthorpe, A. Turner, F. Woodward, H. Hicks, R. Eccles and T. S. Brooks, many friends, well-known local amateur concert performers, assisted by contributing instrumental and vocal turns which went a long way to help make the concert a success.

The Troupe.

Rev. Father A. Riganti and Professor E. Gaudl, both accomplished pianists, offered a piano duet as an overture, and then the Troupe presented the opening chorus "Come to the Show," after which items, all of them very pleasing, followed each other with as little break as the changes of scenery permitted.

Very fine features of the concert were the pretty scenes on the stage and the excellent lighting effects, for which credit is due to Mr. A. W. J. Gilmour, the stage manager.

Contributions by members of the Troupe were as follows:—Song, "Meadow Lark," by R. Eccles.

Concerted, "We are all getting older together," by the Troupe. Duet, "Moonlight and Roses," Mrs. Gilmour and W. R. Wilkinson. Humorous Song, "Pte. Bertie Bunter," by A. Sculthorpe.

"Horace and Maurice in Comedy Duet," by R. Eccles and A. Sculthorpe.

A Sketch, "The Singing Lesson," by the Troupe.

(Cast: Pupils, Mrs. Gilmour and A. Sculthorpe; Professor, A. Turner; Stage Manager, F. Woodward; Pianist, H. Hicks; Programme Seller, R. Eccles).

Chorus, "Here we are," by the Troupe.

Duet, "Behave," by Mrs. Gilmour and R. Eccles.

Concerted, "Bingo Farm," by the Troupe.

"The Prisoner's Song," by W. R. Wilkinson.

Sketch, "The Tub," by the Troupe.

Finale, "Good Night," by the Troupe.

All the items were excellent and very much enjoyed, but particular mention must be made of the duets in which Mrs. Gilmour took part, especially "Moonlight and Roses" in which the clever stage effect with a full moon in the centre of a subdued outdoor scene was greatly appreciated.

The two sketches, too, were very good, whilst the comedy items by "Horace and Maurice" were very laughable.

Father and Son.

The following local amateur artists contributed items to an altogether bumper programme:—Mr. J. Bragg, violin solos "Indian Love Call" (R. Friml) and "Sous-vener" (Dida).

Messrs. E. and G. d'Aquino, vocal duets "Solemn in questora" (G. Verdi) and "Crucifix" (Faure).

These two fine singers, father and son, are well known to local concert audiences, but this was the first time that they appeared in a duet together, and the effect was very pleasing, particularly in "Crucifix" which was well suited to their powerful voices and their style of singing. Mr. G. d'Aquino also gave a selected song, as a solo contribution.

Mr. N. U. Botelho contributed two cello solos in his usual effective style.

The Chinese pair by two straight sets (6-2, 7-5), was quite interesting, and many fine rallies were witnessed. After taking the first set rather easily for the loss of only two games, the Chinese were hard pressed by the Kowloon opponents in the second, and the set had to go into 12 games before the visitors, who were severely stretched, took by the narrow margin of two games.

At the close of the game, Mrs. Bond, at the request of Mr. Hall, handed each of the four players a silver spoon as mementoes of the occasion.

The Chinese "Sauce Guild" has announced that prices have been increased.

MARTYR SCOT.**FIRST VICTIM OF THE REFORMATION.****400 YEARS AGO.**

Outside the gate of the ancient St. Salvator's College in St. Andrews there is wrought in the causeway of the street the monogram P. H. The letters indicate the spot where Patrick Hamilton, the young Scottish noble scholar, and reformer, suffered death for his faith by being burned at the stake on Saturday, February 29, 1528. Here the historic event was recalled on February 29 by a ceremony, with which there were associated all the Protestant Churches of Scotland, represented by their moderators and presidents or deputies; the Universities of Scotland, represented by their Principals or by their Professors of Ecclesiastical History; the Magistrate and Town Council of St. Andrews, and the Senatus of the University of St. Andrews. The solemn commemoration was attended by a large representation of the citizens of St. Andrews and by the students of the University. It was an impressive ceremony rendered dramatically reminiscent by the chain of coincidence—that, as one of the speakers put it, was "at this spot, on this date, and at this hour, 400 years ago," that the reformer had suffered death at the stake. After the open-air ceremony the official participants in the celebration, who wore academic and civic robes, marched in procession to the Town Hall, where a public meeting was held, under the chairmanship of the Very Rev. George Galloway, Principal of St. Mary's College, St. Andrews, reports the "Glasgow Herald."

The First Martyr.

The brief devotional service held at the actual locus of the martyrdom was preceded by a statement by the Rev. Alex. G. Dunlop, St. Andrews, who in the course of it said that the event they commemorated was one of almost incalculable national importance and of far-reaching influence. It was the decisive movement which so profoundly affected the course of Scottish history, and had such an enlightening, ennobling, and purifying influence on Scottish life and character. The charge laid against Patrick Hamilton was that of "being found in many ways inflamed with heresy, disputing, holding and maintaining diverse heresies of Martin Luther and his followers, repugnant to our faith." He was condemned on all counts of the indictment. The punishment was that of death by fire, and was immediately carried into effect. Patrick Hamilton's name stood first on the grand roll of honour of Scottish martyrdom.

Hamilton's Influence.

Different aspects of the life of Patrick Hamilton were surveyed by the learned speakers who addressed the meeting in the Town Hall. The Rev. Professor J. H. Baxter, of St. Andrews University, dealt specifically with the martyrdom of Hamilton; Professor James MacKinnon, Edinburgh University, addressed himself to the subject of Hamilton's education and preparation for the ministry; the Rev. Professor Hugh Watt, New College, Edinburgh, expounded Hamilton's interpretation of Luther; and the Rev. Professor Archibald Main, Glasgow University, discussed Hamilton's influence on the Reformation movement. In the course of his address Dr. Main said that Hamilton's youth, his indomitable spirit, his unswerving loyalty, his Christian devotion to the good, and the willing sacrifice of his life had made his place sure in the shrine of Scottish heroes. The Rev. Professor George A. Henderson, Aberdeen University, who had undertaken to speak on Hamilton's ministry in Scotland, was unable to be present, but his paper was submitted for insertion in the record of the proceedings.

The Reformed Faith.

Two resolutions were presented to the meeting and were unanimously approved. The first was proposed by the Rev. Henry Paton, Peebles, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and seconded by the Right Rev. Alexander Dewar, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, and the second resolution was submitted by the Very Rev. Dr. Adam Philip, United Free Church, and seconded by the Rev. Ebenezer A. Davidson, United Original Secession Church. The first resolution expressed thanksgiving for the influence of Patrick Hamilton, and the second urged the need to maintain the scriptural doctrines of the reformed faith.

Artificial lighting of 3,500,000 volts, the highest voltage ever obtained by man, has been produced in the high-voltage engineering laboratory of the General Electric Company at Pittsfield, Massachusetts. The electricity is gradually stored in artificial clouds, just as electricity is stored in real thunder clouds, and is then discharged in a blinding flash of but a few millionths of a second, producing all the effects of real lightning.

DRUG TRAFFIC.**"EX-MANDARIN" BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE.****FINED \$2,000.**

Yeong Chung-ching, who earlier in the week was remanded on charges of importation and possession of 15 grains of morphia and 50 grains of heroin, made a second appearance at the Central Magistracy on Saturday before Major C. Willson, who after hearing the circumstances of the case imposed a fine of \$2,000.

Mr. L. D. Turner, for the defence, said that at the last hearing, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, he had pleaded "not guilty" on behalf of the accused, because he had not had the opportunity then of seeing his client for more than two minutes, and of course, he did not know the circumstances of the case.

Having had an interview with the accused since the adjournment of the case, he would plead guilty to one of the two offences, and as the two charges related to the same set of circumstances, Mr. Turner suggested that the other charge should not be proceeded with.

Mr. H. A. Taylor, Government Monoplist and Analyst, suggested that the charge of importation be considered as it was the more serious of the two.

Mr. Turner said that he did not mind the charge the prosecution proceeded with.

Proceeding, Mr. Turner commented that the quantities of the drugs found on the accused were small—only 15 grains of morphia and 50 grains of heroin. The accused, who spoke Mandarin, would like to make a statement to the Court, after which, he (Mr. Turner), with his Worship's permission, would like to ask the accused a few questions with a view to bringing out his past career.

Familiar Story.

Asked by Major Willson what he had to say with regard to the charges against him, the accused said that a friend in Canton gave him the stuff to take to Soochow, and he did so not knowing what the contents of the parcel were. Answering a further question by the Magistrate, the accused said that he did ask his friend what the stuff was, and was told that it was ordinary medicine.

Major Willson: Either your friend had lied to you, or you knew what the contents were.—He misled me.

Continuing, the accused said that as he had never committed such an offence before, he would ask his Worship to pardon him this time.

Questioned as to why he had brought the drugs to Hong Kong, the accused said that he had to come here to change ship for Soochow, as there were no direct boats between Canton and Soochow.

Replying to Mr. Turner, the accused said that he now lived as a gentleman of independent means at Soochow. Previously he had been the Prefect of the prefecture of Chichow.

An Ex-Mandarin.

Addressing the Magistrate, Mr. Turner said that in a statement to him, the accused had also said that he had formerly been a Mandarin under the Manchou dynasty and was the Commander of Hunan. Asked as to his view of the case,

TRUCK SMASHED.**COLLIDED WITH TRAM AND DID DAMAGE.****FOKIS FINED.**

At the Central Magistracy, on Saturday morning, two fokis appeared on a charge of causing damage to tram car No. 20, on Friday afternoon at 4.45 when their hand truck No. 250 smashed damage to the extent of \$150.

The accident occurred in the vicinity of Praya East and Heard-street, the truck at the time carrying a load of oil, the weight of which is estimated at 300 quarts. All the fokis absconded after the collision, and when the Police arrived other coolies had to be obtained to remove the truck.

In the subsequent search, two fokis were found trying to steal some of the oil. They proved to be two of the lot that ran away.

Both the accused admitted the charge, and pleading "guilty," were fined \$10, with the alternative of 10 days' hard labour.

Mr. Taylor said that the accused came ashore carrying in his hand a handkerchief done up in a parcel. In this parcel were two bottles containing the drugs forming the subjects of the charges against the accused. In addition to the two bottles, there was also in the parcel a piece of paper (produced with translation) to which the prosecution attached great importance. Obviously, Mr. Taylor added, the drugs which the accused was carrying were samples. The accused must have known that what he had with him was illicit stuff because he objected to being searched by the Revenue Officer who approached him.

"Hard To Believe." Mr. Turner then addressed his Worship and said that he had heard his client tell the Court that he was not aware of the nature of the medicine which his friend had given to him. He (Mr. Turner) was glad that the accused had not made that statement on oath, as although he was defending the accused, he himself found it hard to believe that. Therefore he could not press his Worship to believe it, especially as besides the drugs, the accused had the piece of paper which gave particulars of commission relative to sales.

However, Mr. Turner asked the Magistrate to believe this, that coming ashore as the accused did with the drug and incriminating document in a handkerchief in his hand was not at all the action of a master's mind in the drug traffic. Major Willson replied that the very simplicity of the action made it efficacious.

Mr. Turner replied that that might be so, but the alternative supposition was just as likely to be the truth. He asked his Worship to impose a reasonable fine, as there was no record against the accused.

Mr. Taylor said in reply to Major Willson that the prosecution took a serious view of the case, but did not press for imprisonment. He reminded his Worship, however, that having regard to the peculiar circumstances of the case, the fine should not be calculated by the value of the drugs which, according to Home prices, came to only about \$10.

As stated, his Worship imposed a fine of \$2,000.

AN EXHIBITION.**PASTEL AND WATER COLOURS.****AT KOMOR & KOMOR.**

Spring, glorious spring is here; if the cloud of the weather does not show it then we know that spring is here when Messrs. Komor and Komor advertise their Spring Picture exhibition, which opens to-day. Like all exhibitions at Messrs. Komor's, this will again be the rendezvous of all lovers of art.

New artists will exhibit this season, amongst whom Fukuta, the "new star," comes with about a hundred Pastels, all framed and suitable to be hung at prices ranging from \$30 upwards, frame included.

Never before has Hong Kong seen Pastels of such merit and surely even the London Art Union would be glad to have such fine pictures to show in their art rooms.

The variety of the artist showing still life and views and the light effects are marvellous and extremely pleasing. We shall come back by describing some of his pictures, especially the misty effects of which we have never seen finer before, and the group of roses which stands out lifelike in drawing and colours.

There is a remarkable collection of water-colours, prices ranging from \$2 to \$40, by the most prominent artists of Japan.

Yamamoto.

Yamamoto, the doyen of Japan's artists, exhibits some wonderful types with startling light effects, and also Myake, the wizard of temple views.

Kano, a Hong Kong favourite, brings some beautiful views of Japan especially his Kyoto night effects.

There are also pictures by Kobayashi, Tanaka, Nakayama and other prominent artists of Japan. A new feature are the pictures on silk dainty views by Fusa costing only \$3.

The exhibition will be open for ten days only and we recommend our readers to call early, for as a rule the first three days clear the exhibition of the bigger part of pictures and it is well worth seeing every one whether you buy or not.

The exhibition is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and all are invited.

STANDARD TIME.**SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.**

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong during April, 1928, standard time for the 120th meridian, East of Greenwich, is as follows:—

	Sunrise.	Sunset.
a.m.	p.m.	
30th	5.52	6.49

The Kuomintang has received a number of recommendations to the action it should take with reference to the despatch of armed Japanese forces to Shantung, among which are the following:— Boycott Japanese goods; call a general citizens' conference in Shanghai to express popular opposition to Japan's action; expand the propaganda movement in order to arouse the attention of the people; draw up a series of exciting slogans; and ask all news agencies and newspapers to give the fullest publicity to items opposing Japan's action.—"N. C. Daily News."

GAMBLING CHARGE.**3 WOMEN AND 8 MEN AT THE MAGISTRACY.****CASE REMANDED.**

Eleven gamblers in all—three women and eight men—appeared at the Central Magistracy on Saturday, on a charge of gambling at 2 Chung Sing-road. They were arrested on Friday afternoon.

Mr. d'Almada, senior, who appeared for the defendants, pleaded "not guilty" on their behalf, and asked His Worship to remand the case for hearing some time next week.

The case was accordingly remanded till noon next Thursday morning, the first two defendants on bail of \$75 and the others on \$5.

SPLITTING STAR.**THEORY OF TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.**

More detailed information received from the Union Observatory at Johannesburg, South Africa, confirms the fact that the astounding division of the star Nova Pictoris is an event of almost unparalleled importance in the history of astronomy.

Experts infer from the new facts that it is highly probable that the star has, through some awful explosion or upheaval beyond human conception, actually burst asunder into two parts which are whirling apart at a terrific speed.

The report, which is sent by Reuter from Capetown, is as follows: The technical description is: Nova Pictoris. Position angle 70 degrees. Separation of components, half a second. Components equal or nearly so; both nebulous, with minimum brightness in the centre well marked. They could easily be separated were they not nebulous.

Dr. A. Grommelin, one of the principal astronomers at Greenwich Observatory, explained the report to a "Daily Mail" reporter as follows: While the distance of "half a second" indicates a separation of millions of miles, the separation would be barely distinguishable from this earth. It is actually one 3600th part of the apparent breadth of the sun.

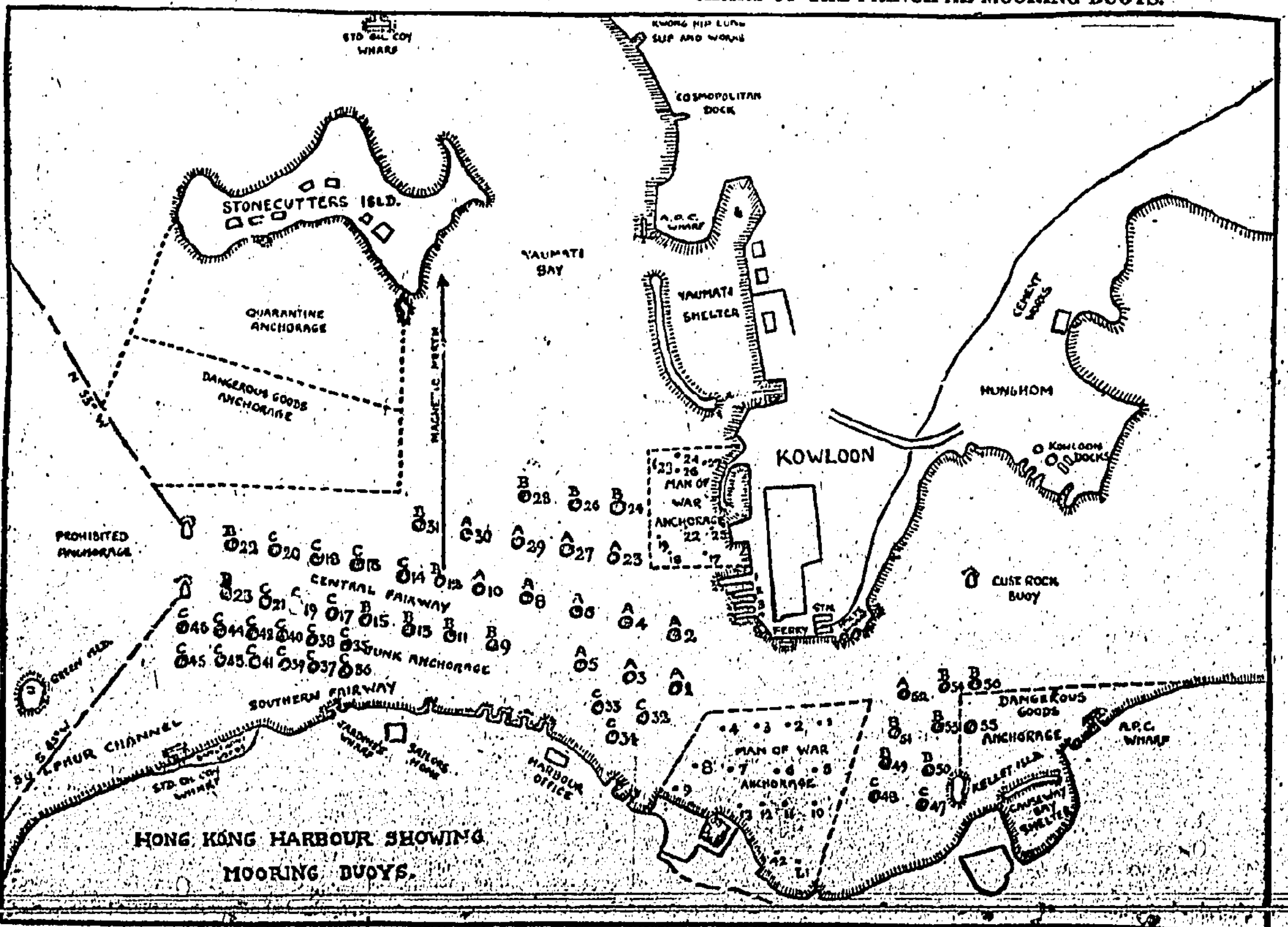
The statement that the two masses could easily be separated were they not nebulous, means that were they each a clear, distinct star, they would be seen as separate bodies by the telescope at Johannesburg.

It certainly now seems highly probable that in some way Nova Pictoris has been torn asunder into two parts by some terrific explosion or conflagration.

It is impossible to say what has caused the star to split in two. I do not regard as highly probable the theory that the sudden appearance of this bright star in 1925 was caused by a collision between two bodies, and that the two separated parts are the two bodies which have moved on.

There is, of course, just a possibility that the birth of Nova Pictoris was caused by the collision of a planet of some other sun than ours with a star.

Sir E. Kadoorie and Mr. L. Kadoorie have returned to Shanghai after a prolonged visit to England and the Continent.

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ROYAL VISITORS.

DUKE AND DUCHESS TO VISIT BRIGHTON.

BUSY PROGRAMME.

Brighton. — The Duke and Duchess of York are to visit Brighton on May 30 to take part in the ceremony of dedicating the enlarged boundaries of the town, and also to inaugurate the new wing of the children's hospital, which is the local memorial to Queen Alexandra. According to the provisional programme, they will leave Victoria at 10.5 in the morning and arrive at Brighton at 11.24.

"They will drive through the streets to a point about five miles north, where the new boundary crosses the main London-road, and there the official welcome and dedication ceremony will take place. They will be entertained to luncheon in the Dome by the Mayor, Councillor Charles Kingston, and afterwards will proceed to the hospital for the opening ceremony there. They will then drive to the Devil's Dyke, recently purchased by the Corporation, and the Duke will dedicate the estate to the 'use of the public for ever'."

The Royal Highnesses afterwards will leave for Worthing, where they are to open a convalescent home, but will return to Brighton and leave for Victoria at 5.35. During their drive in the morning to the new boundary they will pass through Preston Park, where the school children of the town will be massed to greet them.

Week of Festivities.

The Royal visit is the chief event in a series of Greater Brighton celebrations that will last throughout Whitsun week. Invitations to take part in the festivities are being sent to the mayors and town clerks of all the county boroughs of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and to the mayors and town clerks of the Sussex boroughs.

A pageant tracing the history of Brighton from the earliest times is being arranged for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. It will be given thrice daily in the Preston Park Cricket Ground, and it is expected that something approaching 1,000 performers will take part. There is also to be a horse show, a mounted gymkhana, and a torch-light tattoo in Preston Park on Thursday and Friday.

The town's civic guests will be conducted over the municipal institutions, and the area to be incorporated in the borough, on Tuesday, and will be entertained to a luncheon at the Dome. There will be gala performances at the theatres in the evening; a banquet in the Dome is being arranged for Wednesday, followed by an entertainment in the Royal Pavilion, and there will be a grand civic ball on Thursday. It is hoped that members of the Government will be among the speakers at the official luncheon and banquet.

The town will be brilliantly illuminated nightly throughout the week, and it is thought that the festivities will be a fitting celebration of an expansion which will increase the area of Brighton from four to twenty square miles.



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HOW TO PROPOSE.

LADY KITTY VINCENT TELLS HOW TO DO IT.

"IN FAIRY REALMS."

When will man learn that it is not enough to propose to a woman, but that he should choose the right time and the right place and the appropriate setting?

I have seen the most beautiful proposals spoilt by dreadful surroundings, just as I have seen totally impossible wooings almost succeed through effective staging.

Of course it is very gratifying to have a man lay his heart and his purse at your feet, but it is still more delightful if it is done beneath a starry sky.

Once upon a time a beautiful young man begged me to be his. He was so beautiful that he made you feel slightly giddy to look at him and he chose as the setting a sloop on the Himalayas, "a certain sacred mountain where the scented cedars climb."

I was duly impressed and almost ready to accept when he said in businesslike tones: "And our united incomes should make things very comfortable."

I came with a crash to earth. I had been away in fairy realms of bliss, and in a moment I was plunged into an atmosphere of boiled mutton and memories of "making the scrag end do for another meal." Perhaps it was better so, for he married a charming young woman and they had two sets of twins.

I can remember a certain garden from where you could see the snowy slopes of the Himalayas stretching up into eternity. There were little yellow Persian roses growing everywhere and great sheets of lilies. The little man who owned the garden had a bald head and a protuberant waist, but he had the soul of a poet. He used to say the loveliest things in a beautiful voice to all the women who visited him, and in the end, he married a girl who was as beautiful as a dream with five thousand a year of her own. I am sure it was because he arranged his proposal so romantically that she forgot everything except the distant snows and the little yellow roses.

In these days proposals are sandwiched between dancing the Charleston and swallowing the soufflé and all the romance is lost. It is a great mistake, for when the fires of life burn low it is beautiful to be able to look back upon one's proposals as though one were reading a fairy book of romance. —"Daily Mail."

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Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu and	Shinyo Maru 10.30 a.m.
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Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,	WEDNESDAY, MAY 2. President Taft 9.30 a.m.
E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe	Van Heutsz 10.30 a.m.
via Marseilles—due Marseilles,	Yat Shing 10.30 a.m.
1st June. K.P.O. Registration 1	
p.m. Letters 1 p.m. G.P.O. Registration	
1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Calchas 2 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A.,	
C. & S. America and "Europe via	
Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C.,	
21st May and Europe via Siberia.	
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South Africa	Mexico Maru 1.30 p.m.
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THURSDAY, MAY 3. Dell Maru 8.30 a.m.	
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	
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WAR LOAN.

Two Instalments From France.

IN FINANCIAL YEAR.

£3,000,000 To Be Paid To British Exchequer.

London, Yesterday. A notification has been received from the French Government that they have arranged to pay the British Government in respect of the French war debt to Great Britain, during the financial year of 1928, a sum of £3,000,000 in two equal instalments, on September 15, 1928, and March 15, 1929.—British Wireless Service.

SINGAPORE EASE.

TOWAGE OF WORLD'S LARGEST FLOATING DOCK.

THE CANAL TRIP.

London, April 28. In six weeks the world's biggest floating dock will leave the Tyne on a four months' voyage of 8,600 miles to Singapore. When this huge floating workshop, which was built in ten months at the Wallsend yard of Messrs. Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson, reaches its destination it will represent a magnificent achievement. The task of towing it will be almost equal to that of construction. For the purpose of towing the dock will be split into two parts, made up as follows: The three centre sections, which contain the heaviest machinery, will be fitted with a bulkhead at each end, making one craft. The two ends will then be fitted to each other, making another craft. Ahead of each section two huge tugs will pull while behind another two will guide.

When the two portions arrive at the Suez Canal that waterway will be closed to all traffic for the week-end while the dock, with a margin of about three feet at either side, is navigated through. When the dock arrives at Singapore and is put together it will require a depth of seventy feet of water, and will be capable of holding easily ships of the size of the "Mauretania," which, when in dock, would have thirty feet to spare at bow and stern.

The dock has a lifting capacity of 50,000 tons. It is 855 feet long, 172 feet wide, and 75 feet deep. The pumping plant can deal with 30,000 tons of water an hour.—British Wireless Service.

GERMAN DYES.

BIG TRUST HAS GREATLY INCREASED TURNOVER.

WHAT IS FORESHADOWED.

Berlin, April 29. A twenty per cent. increase in turnover is recorded in the annual report of the Dye Trust. The most marked developments are in dyes, benzine, artificial silks, and a process for liquifying coal. The report foreshadows an output of 700,000 tons of nitrate next year.—Reuter.

[A cable of April 25 stated that the Directors of the German Dye Trust will propose to the general meeting of shareholders, to be held on May 24, a dividend of 12 per cent., compared with 10 per cent. last year. The net profits total 100,812,000,000 marks, compared with 68,718,000,000 marks a year ago.]

ARTIFICIAL SILK.

EXPORTS INCREASE REVEALED AT MANCHESTER.

PIECE GOODS' DEMAND.

London, April 29. The Manchester Chamber of Commerce has revealed that there was a remarkable expansion in the export of cotton and artificial silk mixed piece goods during the first three months of the year. The exports of 28,000,000 square yards are double last year's figures. Nearly a quarter of the total trade has been in artificial silk, mostly bought by Canada, the Dutch Indies and Bombay.—Reuter.

When people begin to borrow your clothes you begin to have confidence in your tailor.—Mr. Philip Guedalla.

EGYPT.

Fresh Turmoil Occurs.

EGYPTIAN OBSTINACY.

Great Britain Presents A Strong Note To Cairo.

Malta, Yesterday. It is persistently rumoured that His Majesty's "Warspite" and "Valiant" and some cruisers have been ordered to Egypt and are leaving to-morrow. The authorities neither confirm nor deny the rumour.

London, Yesterday. The situation regarding Egypt is "electrical." Following Malta's cable come reports from Cairo that Britain



The most recent likeness of King Fuad, of Egypt, taken during his late visit to Paris.

has presented a strong Note to the Egyptian Government. To-morrow the Public Assemblies Bill, which has already passed

OVERCAST AND RAIN.

South winds, moderate, squally, generally overcast; some rain, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

The anticyclone is now central near the Bonins. Depressions are shown to the North of Hokkaido, to the west of Shanghai and over Tongking.

THE CRITICS.

The Chancellor Replies.

BASIC INDUSTRIES.

Mr. Churchill Adds A Few Important Points.

London, Yesterday. Mr. Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, replied in a speech at Newcastle, to criticisms of the proposals contained in his Budget speech for relating to depressed basic industries from the burden of local taxation. He declared: "We have launched our advance against what I call the Hindenburg Line, a threefold line having the triple entrenchments of unemployment, trade depression and local taxation muddle." Agriculture, coal, cotton, iron and steel, engineering and shipbuilding were vital means by which the wages of the vast majority of wage-earners and breadwinners were provided. Those industries were in difficulties at the present time. He did not propose to give favour to any particular industry but if any industry showed that its natural activities were being curtailed, removal of its burden of taxation was not a favour but a long delayed and necessary act of justice. The local taxation of depressed manufacturing industries, which he had mentioned, would be reduced in October, 1929, of average by three-quarters and that of agricultural producers would be abolished entirely. The products of heavy industries could only be carried by railways and railways would be relieved from local taxation, so that they could help heavy industries by lower charges.

Mr. Churchill recognised the sacrifice which owners of motor vehicles would be called upon to make in paying a tax on imported petrol, which would contribute to local taxation relief. He mentioned that the tax on petrol has also another object. This was to encourage scientific attention of oil from coal in England. If that were done he said it would renew vast economic advantages which this country had derived in the nineteenth century from the position of its marvellous coalfields.—British Wireless Service.

MR. JAMES McNEILL.

AT PRESENT IN A LONDON HOSPITAL.

NOT DANGEROUSLY ILL.

London, Yesterday. Mr. James McNeill, Governor-General of Irish Free State, is at present in Westminster Hospital, London. At the beginning of March he underwent a slight operation in a nursing home in London, after which he returned to his duties in Ireland. It is explained in an official statement that Mr. McNeill is undergoing a course of after-treatment in connection with his recent operation. He is not dangerously ill, as has been stated, and hopes to be back in Ireland in a few weeks. His medical advisers are satisfied that he is making good progress.—British Wireless Service.

M. BRIAND.

H.M. THE KING ENQUIRES AS TO HIS HEALTH.

London, Yesterday. H.M. King George has sent to Lord Crewe, the British Ambassador in Paris, the following telegram: "Will you please convey to M. Briand my concern on hearing of his illness and my satisfaction at learning from the newspapers that he is better and my hope for his speedy recovery."—British Wireless Service.

the corresponding measure last July.

The aggregate vote was 549 compared with 650 last July. This decrease of 101 votes was divided almost equally between the clergy and laity. In the House of Lords 60 Anglicans abstained.

The Bishops who found against the measure were those of Exeter and Norwich. The other four bishops—Worcester, Birmingham, Ipswich and Truro—who voted against it in Convocation last month, were absent from the division. The Bishop of Worcester is on a long arranged journey abroad.—British Wireless Service.

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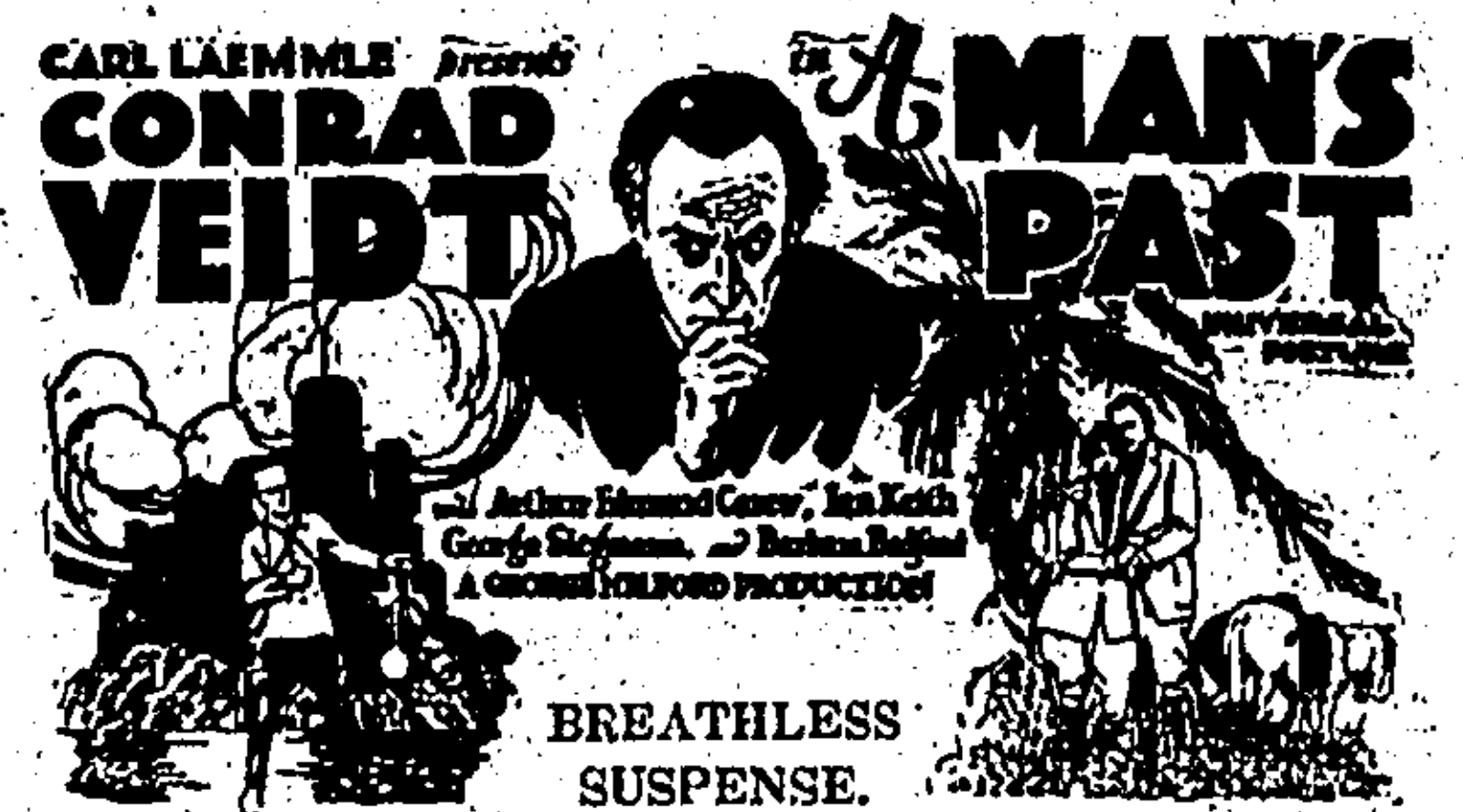
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FINAL SHOWINGS TO-DAY

Continuous 2.30 to 11.15.

WOMAN BANISHEE.

BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE AT KOWLOON TO-DAY.

AGAIN SENTENCED.

It is somewhat rare to learn that a woman has returned from banishment, but such was the case at Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Mr. Schofield at the bench.

Banished from the Colony four years ago on a sentence of ten Kwong Wah Hospital years, La Sum, a Chinese woman, was charged for returning before the time had expired.

Th accused admitting that she was asked, so as to enable the de-

SUSPECT SHOT.

DISTURBED BY BLOWING OF WHISTLE.

On Friday morning, at about 8 o'clock, a Chinese who succeeded in gaining entrance to No. 561, Nathan-road, was interrupted in his work by an amah who attracted attention by blowing her whistle. The thief ran away and was shot outside by a constable. The man, in a serious condition, was removed to the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when a formal remand of a week was granted.

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